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JAPANESE CONTROL TSINAN.

SOUTHERNERS FORCED TO EVACUATE.

SEVERE FIGHTING AFTER STRONG JAPANESE ULTIMATUM.

STRONG FEELING IN JAPAN.

Drastic measures adopted by the Japanese troops at Tsinan yesterday have, it appears, given them complete control of the situation. It is stated that the whole of the Tsingtao-Tsinan Railway is in Japanese control, while the Southerners have been forced to evacuate Tsinan.

Details of the fighting at Tsinan are scanty, no report having been received of the casualties suffered.

Chinese sources declare that the resumption of fighting was consequent upon the presentation of Five Demands by the Japanese, threatening to bombard the city if a satisfactory reply was not forthcoming within twelve hours. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, in the absence of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, said it was impossible to reply within the time limit. This is said to have led to the renewal of hostilities.

Japanese opinion is stiffening according to a message from Osaka, where the *Asahi*, formerly consistently opposed to the despatch of troops to Shantung, now demands vigorous measures while the *Manichi* fears that all hopes of peaceful diplomatic settlement have been shattered.

AMERICAN MEDIATION STATEMENT.

Shanghai, May 9. Further details concerning the resumption of the fighting in Tsinan indicate that General Fukuda handed five demands to the Nationalist Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at 3 p.m. on Monday. Chinese reports say the Japanese General threatened to bombard the city if the terms were not satisfactorily replied to within two hours. The demands were:

- 1.—All Nationalist soldiers and officers who took part in the clash with the Japanese Defence Force on the 3rd inst. to be severely punished.
- 2.—All Nationalist soldiers who have been taking part in the troubles to be disbanded.
- 3.—All Chinese troops to be evacuated immediately to an area 20 miles outside Tsinan and the Kiao-chow-Tsinan railway area.
- 4.—The Nationalist Government to suppress all anti-Japanese propaganda within different districts under its control.
- 5.—Shenchwang and Chanchwang to be used as temporary barracks by the Japanese.

Owing to Marshal Chiang not being in Tsinan when the demands were made, the Nationalist Foreign Commissioner declared that he could not reply to the demands within the limited time. This, according to Chinese reports, accounts for the resumption of the fighting.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Strong For Action.

Osaka, May 9. A complete change of view is displayed by the newspaper *Asahi* which in an editorial to-day declares the fiendish massacre of Japanese civilians by Southern troops, and considers that it is now imperative to maintain troops to safeguard Japanese nationals and to secure reparations.

The *Asahi* has been consistently opposed to the despatch of troops to Shantung, but in view of the gravity of the situation temporarily shelve its opposition to Baron Tanaka's China Policy, and concedes that the Premier must take vigorous measures to protect Japanese residents in China from Inhuman molestations by armed brutes.

Peace Hopes Shattered.

The Osaka *Mainichi* fears that all hopes of a peaceful diplomatic settlement will be shattered when the Southerners persistently and deliberately attack the Japanese garrison. The Japanese commander has been patient and conciliatory and he only made up his mind to fight when the honour of his country was trampled upon. The national honour, the journal says, must be upheld at any cost.—*Reuter*.

Rejoinder Politic.

Washington, May 8. With reference to a report from Shanghai that the Nationalist Gov-

ernment at Nanking is now considering the extension of an invitation to the United States to mediate in the Sino-Japanese conflict, the State Department has pointed out that the United States would only be in a position to do so if the invitation came from both parties to the dispute.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Yangtze Agitation.

Naval wireless reports received in the Colony this morning disclose that anti-Japanese demonstrations are taking place at Shanghai and along the Yangtze, though Hankow is the one exception. Here there is a total absence of anti-Japanese feeling, and at the moment, there is no sign of agitation.

At Chinkiang, however, the Chinese got out of hand and rioted in the Japanese district, considerable looting being conducted. Later in the day, the situation quietened down a good deal, and peace prevails at the moment.

Southerners Ousted.

That further fierce fighting took place at Tsinan yesterday between the Japanese and the Southerners, and that the Nationalists have been practically driven out of Tsinan, is disclosed by Shanghai cables from Chinese sources, the Chinese being highly incensed at the Japanese operations.

Following unsuccessful attempts to storm the Japanese posts on Monday night, in which many Nationalists were killed and wounded, the Japanese yesterday presented demands, which they proceeded to enforce when the authorities failed to comply.

Railway in Japanese Control.

All principal points in the city have been seized by the Japanese, overcoming easily what slight opposition was offered, while it appears that coincidentally, all the main stations along the Tsingtao-Tsinan Railway have been occupied by Japanese troops. The whole line is now under Japanese control.

Tsingtao Incident.

The Chinese now allege an unpleasant incident at Tsingtao. It is declared, though no authoritative information is available, that Japanese soldiers after a dispute over a Chinese small boy, surrounded and attacked the Chinese Police Station. Details are not given.

Wuhu Landing Party.

The Japanese Consul in Wuhu boarded a Japanese destroyer yesterday and has left the city. Anti-Japanese placards have been exhibited all over Wuhu and on Monday, a detachment of Japanese sailors landed and des-

U. S. VICE-CONSUL IN RIVER.

MR. WALTER WILSON'S SUICIDE.

CORPSE RECOVERED BY SAMPAN-MAN.

OFFICIAL DENIALS.

Shanghai, May 9. The body of the American Vice-Consul, Mr. Walter Wilson, who has been missing since May 1st, has been found in the Whang-poo River below the Baptist College.—*Reuter*.

The *Telegraph's* Shanghai correspondent states that Mr. Walter Wilson disappeared after writing despondent letters—alleging that someone was paying for persecution directed against him.

Allegations had been made damaging to his character, including a suggestion of blackmail. Two days ago the golf kit of Mr. Wilson was found on the bank of the river, and the previous theories that he had committed suicide were confirmed.

Official Statement.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 9. The body of Mr. Wilson was found a mile beyond the point where his golfing kit was found, thus ending an eight-day search in Kiangsu and Chekiang for the missing Vice-Consul as the result of suggestions that it was a surreptitious disappearance.

A sampan-owner discovered the corpse lying in shallow water in close proximity to the bank at low tide, and the identity was established through documents found in his pockets.

Mr. Cunningham, the U.S. Consul-General, officially states that there is no foundation for the suggestions of blackmail or of persecution.

The late Mr. Wilson was apparently obsessed with imaginary troubles, inasmuch as no irregularities have been found. His service throughout has been thoroughly satisfactory, and his private life was blameless.

BIG CANTON FIRE.

FORTY HOUSES SAID TO BE DESTROYED.

A big fire, which destroyed some forty houses and involved four streets, broke out in Canton shortly before five o'clock on Tuesday morning in Ko Dai Street.

For three hours the fire raged and houses in Man Hing Lane, Luen Shing Lane and Lin Fo Lane were involved. The damage must be very considerable, but it cannot be estimated at present. One small child perished in the fire.

BETTER YANGTZE OUTLOOK.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH BRITISH SHIPPING.

British naval wireless reports from Upper Yangtze ports state that the situation appears to be satisfactory and that General Yang Sen has an understanding that there will be no interference with British shipping.

The S.S. Kintang, belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, has left for Wanchow.

Southerners Evacuate.

It is stated that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has now complied with the demands of the Japanese commander and he ordered the Nationalist troops in Tsinan to evacuate.

Only a small number of troops have been left behind, and the headquarters will shortly be moved from Tsinan to Chengsha, near Tsinan. (Continued on Page 14.)

HIS EXCELLENCY LEAVES.

THIS MORNING'S SEND-OFF AT QUEEN'S PIER.

LARGE GATHERING.

His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Lady Clementi, together with their children, departed from the Colony on leave by the a.s. *Empress of Russia* this morning.

Some considerable time before eleven o'clock, at which time H. E. and family were due to arrive at Queen's Pier, a large company had assembled, including naval and military representatives, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, judges, heads of departments, representatives of the Consular Bodies and many leading residents from the European and Chinese communities.

On the *Praya*, a guard of honour was provided by men of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, under the command of Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O.

The first car to arrive brought the Misses Clementi and Master Clementi, His Excellency and Lady Clementi arriving a few minutes afterwards, escorted by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C.

The Governor inspected the Guard of Honour after which he shook hands with those assembled and was the recipient of the best wishes for a pleasant holiday.

His Excellency and family boarded the steam-launch *Victoria* which, escorted by two police launches, took them to the a.s. *Empress of Russia*, lying at the Kowloon Wharf.

Among those present were Major General C. C. Luard (G.O.C. South China Command), Commodore and Mrs. J. L. Pearson, Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Sir Shubson Chow and Lady Chow, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressay, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kewell, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, the Right Dr. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. Justice Jackson, Mr. R. E. Lindell, Mr. A. E. Wood, Commander and Mrs. J. B. Nevill, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, and the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Members of the Chinese community present included Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Canton, representing Marshal Li Chai-sum, Mr. Li Yau-tsun (Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce), Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, and Messrs. Tang Siu-kin, Lee Po-kwai, Chung Foo, Leung But-ye, Ng Wah, Ng Yee-chun, Kwok Lu-lau, Tam Pun-tung, Ho Wai-sang, Do Sui-tung, Ho Lin-chun, Ho Sai-yue, Ho Lu, Ko Lung-ho, and Ip Lang-chuen.

As the *Empress of Russia* left, a salute of 17 guns was fired. After His Excellency's departure, the Hon. W. T. Southern, Colonial Secretary, was formally sworn in as the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan. The ceremony took place at Government House and there were present a number of members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

ANOTHER BIG GOLF CHALLENGE.

AMERICA COMES BACK WITH FOURSOMES OFFER.

New York, May 8. Having provisionally arranged a challenge match for \$5,000 between MacDonald Smith and Archie Compston, following the latter's sensational victory over Walter Haven, the Lakeville Golf Club, Breakneck, Long Island, where MacDonald Smith is professional, announces that it is prepared to back Smith and Gene Sarazen against any pair in the world. The Club is prepared to offer anything up to \$10,000 for the event, and if the challenge is accepted proposes a foursomes match over 72 holes, the first 96 to be played at Lakeville, and the remainder at any club selected by the challengers.—*Reuter's American Service*.

COUNTY CRICKET FEATURES.

LANCASHIRE'S HUGE TOTAL.

SUSSEX ALSO PASS THE FIVE HUNDRED MARK.

TEN CENTURY MAKERS.

Fine weather enabled some remarkably high scores to be put up in the county cricket matches played during the past three days, Lancashire compiling 524 for the loss of 4 wickets, while Sussex netted 516 for 8 wickets.

On the other hand, Cambridge University after scoring 384 in the first innings, collapsed badly in the second and had made only 73 for 6 when stumps were drawn.

The principal individual performances during the three days is as follows:

Batting.

Watson (Lancs.)	223
J. Parks (Sussex)	162
Bowley (Sussex)	144
E. Tyldesley (Lancs.)	140
Longfield (Cambridge)	120
Newman (Hants)	115
Langridge (Sussex)	114
Morgan (Cambridge)	111
Hendron (Middlesex)	100
Hallow (Lancs.)	100
* Not Out.	

Bowling.

Slater (Derby)	8 for 24
R. Tyldesley (Lancs.)	8 for 62
Blundell (Cambridge)	6 for 25
N. Haig (Middlesex)	6 for 80
Tate (Sussex)	6 for 60

NORTHANTS TROUNCED.

Watson's Double Century.

London, May 8.

Northamptonshire's bowling was severely trounced at Manchester, where in fine weather, Lancashire hit up the highest score of the season in their first and only innings, the total of 528 being compiled for the loss of only four wickets.

Three Lancashire batsmen scored centuries, Watson garnering 223 before succumbing, while Ernest Tyldesley was not out when the declaration was made.

Northants fought hard, but were forced to follow on, and dismissed in their second effort for 228, were defeated by an innings and 16 runs.

The scores were:

Lancashire: 528 (for 4 wickets, decd.).

Northants: 228 and 228.

Lancashire collared the Northants' bowling quickly, and flogged it mercilessly. Watson made 223, Hallow was dismissed as soon as his 100 appeared on the board, and Ernest Tyldesley made 140 not out.

In the Northants' first innings, Richard Tyldesley met with considerable success with the ball, taking 8 wickets for 62 runs.

THREE CENTURIES.

Sussex Win Finely.

Sussex did remarkably well against Notts, who so nearly won the championship last year, passing the 500 mark, and winning by an innings and 9 runs.

Maurice Tate showed that his bowling has not fallen off by taking 6 Notts wickets in their first effort, while three Sussex men achieved their century.

The scores were:

Notts: 229 and 278.

Sussex: 516 (for 8 wickets, decd.).

Batting first, Notts gave an inconsistent display. Tate took 6 wickets at a cost of 59 runs.

In reply, Sussex compiled their huge total of 516, Bowley contributing 144, J. Parks hitting out for 162, while Langridge made 114.

Notts struggled gallantly to avoid the innings defeat, but the Sussex bowlers prevailed.

WEST INDIES TOUR.

Visitors Win First Match.

The first match of the West Indies tourists in Great Britain was played at Derby, the visitors achieving success by two wickets in an exceptionally low scoring game.

Some brilliant bowling by Slater, the Derby fast bowler, was the feature.—*Reuter's American Service*. (Continued on Page 8.)

RUMANIAN PLOT DISCUSSED.

IS IT ONLY A NEWSPAPER STUNT?

CAROL TO EXPLAIN.

London, May 8.

The question of the position of ex-Crown Prince Carol of Rumania was raised in the House of Commons, when Commander Kenworthy described the issue of a manifesto by Carol, calling on Rumanians to oust Prince Michael and install himself on the Throne, as a breach of the comity of nations justifying a request being made that Carol should leave the country forthwith.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, in reply, announced that after consulting the Foreign Secretary he had caused Carol to be informed that his presence in England was no longer welcome, and that he should terminate his visit without delay.

Replying to further questions, Sir William Joynson Hicks said Carol was allowed to land on April 28th for a temporary visit of two months' duration. No assurances were invited from him that he would not engage in intrigues or political activities.

Asked for information with regard to a statement in the Press that the so-called Rumanian plot was a newspaper stunt, Sir William Joynson Hicks said Carol had promised to send him a full statement on the matter.—*Reuter*.

PARIS TO TOKYO FLIGHT.

D'OISY STARTS HIS LONG HOP.

Paris, May 8.

The airman, Pelletier D'Oisy, with Gonin and Carol, hopped off at 5.57 a.m. for Bucharest, on the first stage of their flight from Paris to Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

[D'Oisy is making an attempt to reach Hanoi in four days and will then proceed to Tokyo. He is flying a Potez plane, equipped with a Lorraine motor of 470 h.p.]

Landing at Kai Tack.

The authorities of the Kai Tack Aerodrome have been approached for the use of their landing field in connexion with the hop over the Gulf of Tonkin and South China Sea which the famous aviator is expected to make after his arrival at Hanoi.

It is understood that the necessary facilities have been placed at the disposal of the airman for alighting here and taking off on the continuance of his flight to Tokyo.

The probable date and time of arrival here necessarily depends at this early stage, on information from Hanoi, which will be received here as soon as Pelletier D'Oisy reaches Hanoi.

EGYPTIAN KING'S REQUEST.

MINISTER'S RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

Cairo, May 9.

The Minister of Finance, Mahmoud Mohamed Pasha, has withdrawn his resignation at the request of King Fuad.—*Reuter*.

INVITATION DECLINED.

BRAZIL DOES NOT DESIRE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

Geneva, May 9.

The Brazilian Government replying to the League of Nations Council's request to Brazil not to leave the League definitely, states that it regrets it cannot see its way clear to go back on its previous decision.—*Reuter*.

THE BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE.

REMARKABLE ROUND BY JURADO.

EQUALS ST. GEORGE'S COURSE RECORD.

SEVEN AMERICANS IN.

London, May 8.

The feature of the second round of the qualifying competition for the British Open Golf Championship was a brilliant round of 69 by Jose Jurado, the Argentinian. His score equalled the professional record for the St. George's Course, Sandwich, and enabled him to take the lead, three strokes ahead of any competitor. His previous day's score was an average one, 75.

Next Best Score.

The next best score of the day was put up by Hodson (Newport) whose round of 71 put him into third place.

H. Holly (Foxgrove) played very consistently throughout, taking 74 strokes on the first round and 72 on the second.

Melhorn, who led on the first eighteen holes, dropped a long way back with a poor round, and the leading American at the end of to-day's play was Jim Barnes, who followed up his 74 yesterday with 78 to give him an aggregate of 152.

The Qualifiers.

The principal qualifiers are appended:

	1st. Rd.	2nd. Rd.
Jose Jurado (Arg.)	75	69 = 144
H. Holly (Foxgrove)	74	78 = 152
Hodson (Newport)	77	71 = 148
G. Duncan	78	77 = 155
W. Davies (Preston)	78	78 = 156
J. Barnes (U.S.A.)	74	78 = 152
G. Sarazen (U.S.A.)	77	75 = 152
Stewart (Australia)	77	75 = 152
W. Hagen (U.S.A.)	70	77 = 147
T. Torrance (amateur)	74	76 = 150
A. Compston	77	76 = 153
W. Melhorn (U.S.A.)	72	82 = 154
"Abe" Mitchell	77	77 = 154
J. Brad	154	
Jack Smith	78	82 = 160
T. Cotton	155	
T. Armour (U.S.A.)	77	79 = 156
Arthur Havers	77	79 = 156
George Gadd	81	76 = 157
Alex. Hord	78	79 = 157
J. McHugh (U.S. amateur)	77	80 = 157
Roger Wethered	81	78 = 159
B. Stuppel (U.S.A.)	81	80 = 161
Len. Holland, Reg. Whitcombe, E. Whitcombe, were also among the 112 who qualified for the Championship Proper which commences to-day.		

Dr. Tweddell Fails.

All the prominent players qualified, the most striking failure being that of Dr. Tweddell, winner last year of the British Amateur Championship.

The best score by an amateur, it will be seen, was that of T. Torrance of Sandy Lodge, who after 74 on Monday went round St. George's in 79.

Three of the American visitors failed to qualify, Mr. Nabholz, Newton and Joshua Crane. The last named had the worst aggregate with the exception of one. He totalled 184 for the 36 holes.

Seven American, seven French, two Spaniards, one Argentine (the leader) one German, and one Australian were the foreign challengers who qualified.—*Reuter*.

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CHINESE FACULTY.

RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY.

The following are the active members of the Hongkong University Chinese School Fund Committee who are soliciting donations to the fund. The sum of \$126,000 has been raised in a few days, and this speaks much for the enthusiastic support of the Chinese Community for the scheme for promoting Chinese studies at the University.

The members are Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Wong Kwong-tin, Li Yik-mui, Ma Tui-chin, Lau Shing-chong, Tam Woon-fong, Lo Chung-kui, Chan Tsun-nin, Li Hoi-fung, Tang Shiu-kin, Kwok Tuen, Au Lim-tuen, Au Siu-cho, Ng Yui-hon, Au Long-hin, Wong Yin-tung, Ip Lan-suen, Wong Pak-sun, Ng Wah, Ng Yuen-cham, Leung Pat-yu, Lui Yuen-suen, To Chak-ting, Wong Ping-suen, Chan Tin-man, Fung Heung-chuen, Chan Tin-sun, Ho Wah-shang, Li Chi-san, Tong Yat-chuen, Yu Cheuk-sang, Chan Ping-yu, Ng Yin-wan, Chan Chung-sun, Mak Shiu-cho, Teoi Cheung, Ma Wing-chen, Li Shing-kui, Kwun Yik-chi and So Sau-nam. The following is a list of those who have given donations.

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A list of donors of less than \$500 each has not yet been compiled.

DUTABLE WINE.

CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE MERCHANT.

Charges against the Tai Lee Wine-shop of 117, Queen's Road East, for the possession of dutiable wine and for failing to keep a correct record of duty labels issued by the Imports and Exports Office, were concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindell, yesterday afternoon.

The master of the shop, examined by Mr. M. K. Lo for the defence, said the 385 gallons of wine he had in his shop at the time that Revenue Officer Grinnitt called, was duty-paid.

In explaining the shortage of three of the regulation red labels issued to him by the Department, defendant said a fold had mixed up these labels with those of another shop, and had affixed two of those by mistake on jars of wines sold to the latter. The third missing label had been applied to a jar containing ten cabbies of wine retailed to a customer an hour before the arrival of R. O. Grinnitt.

Witness produced certain books of the firm and was cross-examined by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, of the I. and E. Office, in respect of certain entries therein and the method of book-keeping.

No Willful Knowledge.

Mr. M. K. Lo then said that as Mr. B. Hawkins, who brought the summons, did not try seriously to dispute the theory as regards the mixing up of the red labels, he must ask his Worship to accept the defendant's explanation as the true one.

In commenting on the powers conferred on the Governor to make all kinds of regulations under this or that Ordinance, Mr. Lo submitted that such elasticity could also be applied to remedying defects.

He took as one point, the regulation regarding the keeping of a record of red labels which made a man a criminal offender if he did not, for example, apply punctuation marks in the proper places or if he added two and two to make five.

To discover whether an offence had been committed, they must fall back on willful knowledge or deliberate intention to defraud, and Mr. Lo submitted that such elements were absent from the present case. Then there was a doubt raised as to the origin of the stock of wine in the shop, simply because the Revenue Officers could not discover for themselves the information they wanted.

His Worship pointed out that the position was that the Department not being sure as to the origin of the stock, was merely putting out this summons to have themselves satisfied on that point.

Wide Powers.

Continuing, Mr. Lo suggested that with their wide powers, the Department could very well issue their own system of book-keeping by which they could keep themselves better informed of the transactions of each wineshop. As it stood, those same wide powers and regulations of an elaborate character, had apparently conferred on officers the right of ingress, and egress to any wineshop and examining the books and accounts whenever they felt disposed to do so.

He felt that if the onus had been thrown on the defendant to disprove such charges, the burden was not a heavy one. With their experience, the Department should have seen fit, months and years before now, to say that those books should be kept in the proper way. They had not done so, and the present was not the proper time for them to take objection.

He therefore asked his Worship to accept the defendant's explanation of how he recorded the transactions in question.

Mr. Hawkins disagreed with Mr. Lo's remarks in regard to the onus thrown on the defendant to disprove the allegations contained in the last two charges, and stated that because defendant had not discharged the onus, there was no reason why the case should not be

ENQUIRY ASKED.

LOCAL SENTENCE IS CRITICISED.

London, May 8.

In the House of Commons, replying to the Labourite, Miss Wilkin-son, who urged that an enquiry be made into the passing of a sentence of six months' hard labour and a birching on the Chinese, Yeung Ping-wing of Hongkong, for possessing seditious literature, Mr. Amery said that the sentence accorded with the law and did not call for a special enquiry.—*Reuter*.

pressed against him on the two other counts.

Two Charges Dismissed.

It was shown that the jars in transit from one shop to another had been re-labelled, and there was only one conclusion to draw from the employment of the used green labels, and that was to defraud the revenue or smuggled wine on which duty should have been paid.

Mr. Hawkins added that a petition had been sent by the Department suggesting certain reforms in the book-keeping system of these shops, but that it had fallen through.

His Worship in giving his decision, stated he accepted defendant's explanation as regards the red labels, and under those particular circumstances he would dismiss the charge against him. His Worship also felt that the defendant did make a genuine attempt and had sufficiently discharged the onus against him in respect of the stock of 385 gallons of wine. Defendant would also be discharged on this count.

On the third charge of being in possession of 10 gallons of other wine on which it was proved that duty had not been paid, his Worship imposed a fine of \$100. On the further count of allowing 10 jars to be in the shop without proper labels on them, his Worship imposed an additional fine of \$200.

ARMED ROBBERY.

DARING HOLD UP IN HEART OF CITY.

Another daring robbery was perpetrated in the heart of the city early last night when the office of the Shanghai Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Des Voeux Road Central, was entered by a band of six or seven men who proceeded to hold up everybody in the place.

Immediately after they entered the bandits asked for Ko Wing-po, the manager, and on being told that he was busy writing a letter the thieves approached him and at the point of their revolvers forced him and the three other inmates, two servants and one visitor from Canton, into the bath room situated in the rear part of the premises.

They then bound the four men with iron wire and from the manager secured the key of the safe, which they opened. Hongkong money, notes and silver, to the amount of about \$1,500 and jewellery valued at over \$2,000 were stolen.

According to the victims, the bandits did not ask for the keys of the other safes, which contained no money or jewellery, and from this it is conjectured that they were familiar with the place.

After staying on the premises for about fifteen minutes the thieves decamped. The inmates declared that all the desperados wore short jackets and that only two of them were armed with revolvers.

While the Police were still investigating the case on the scene, one suspect was detained by a Chinese detective, who brought the culprit back to the scene for the victims to identify him. A search of the body of the suspect revealed that he possessed a large amount of bank notes. It is not known whether the police later released him or not.



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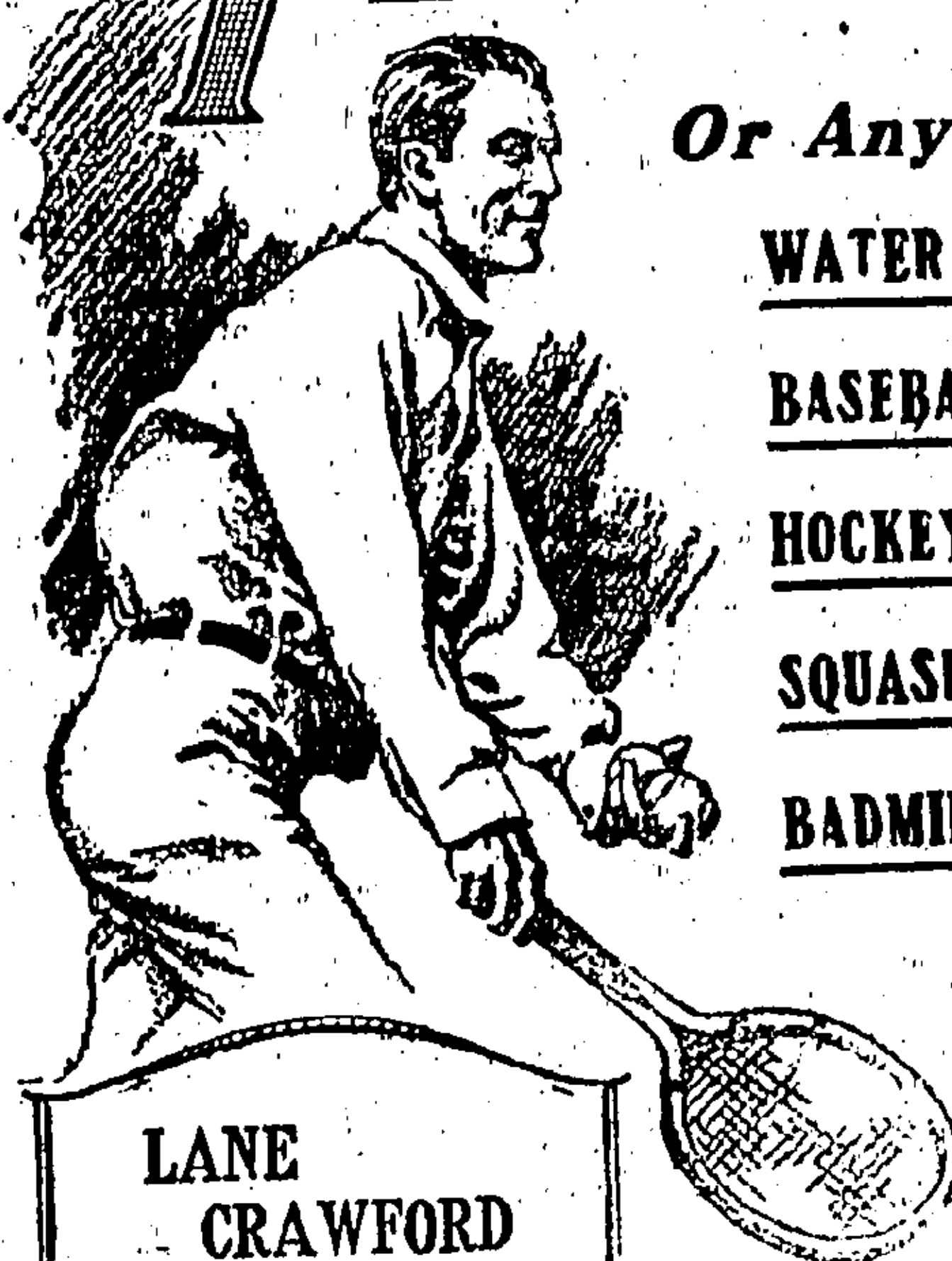
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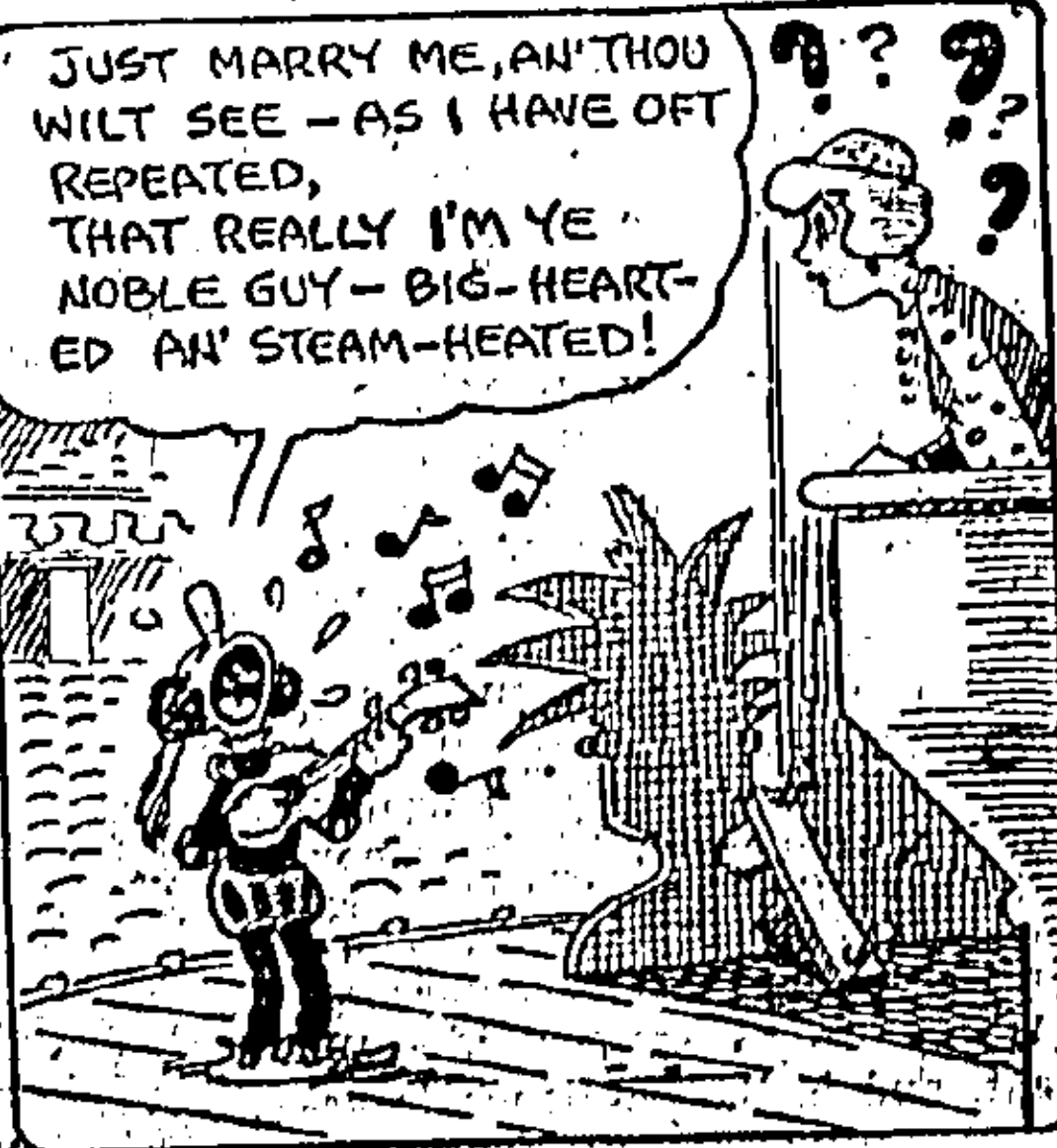


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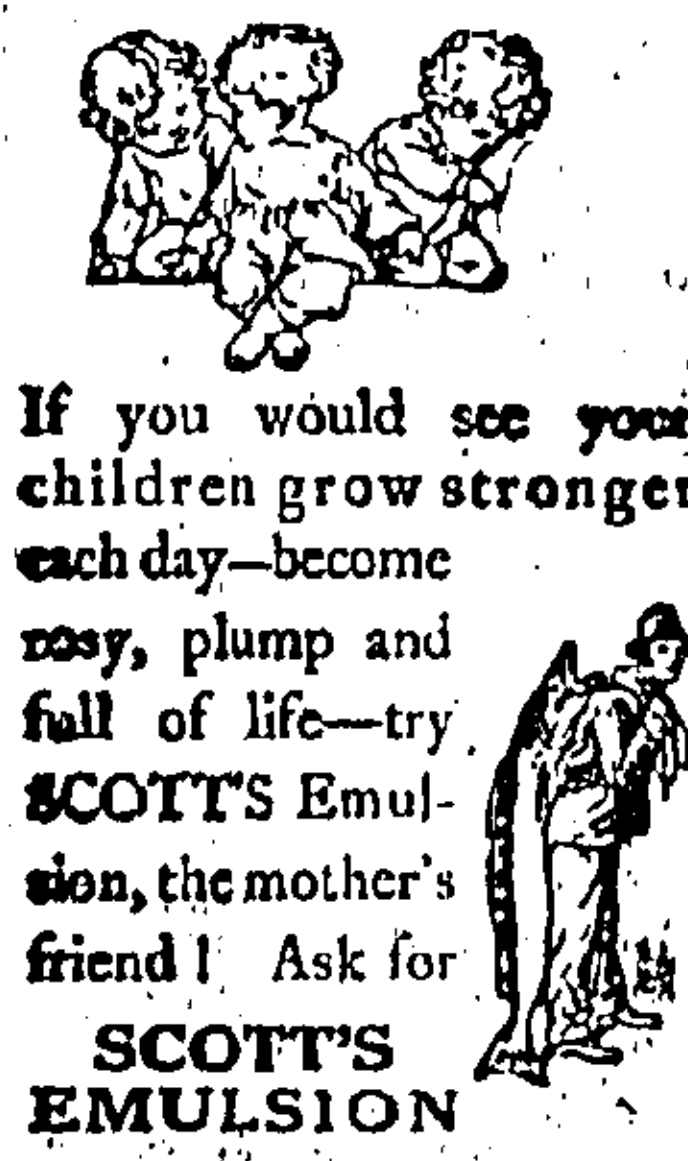
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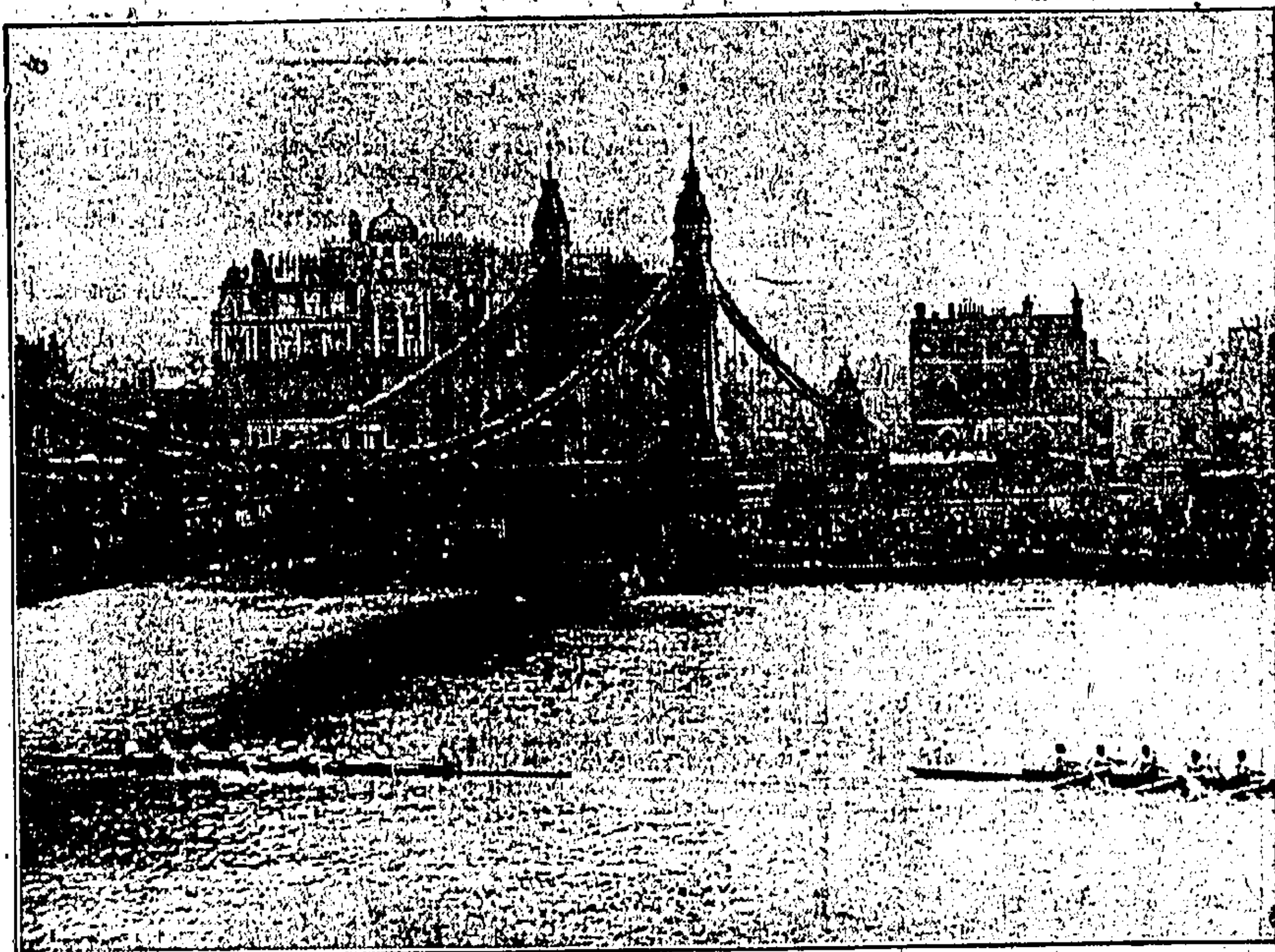
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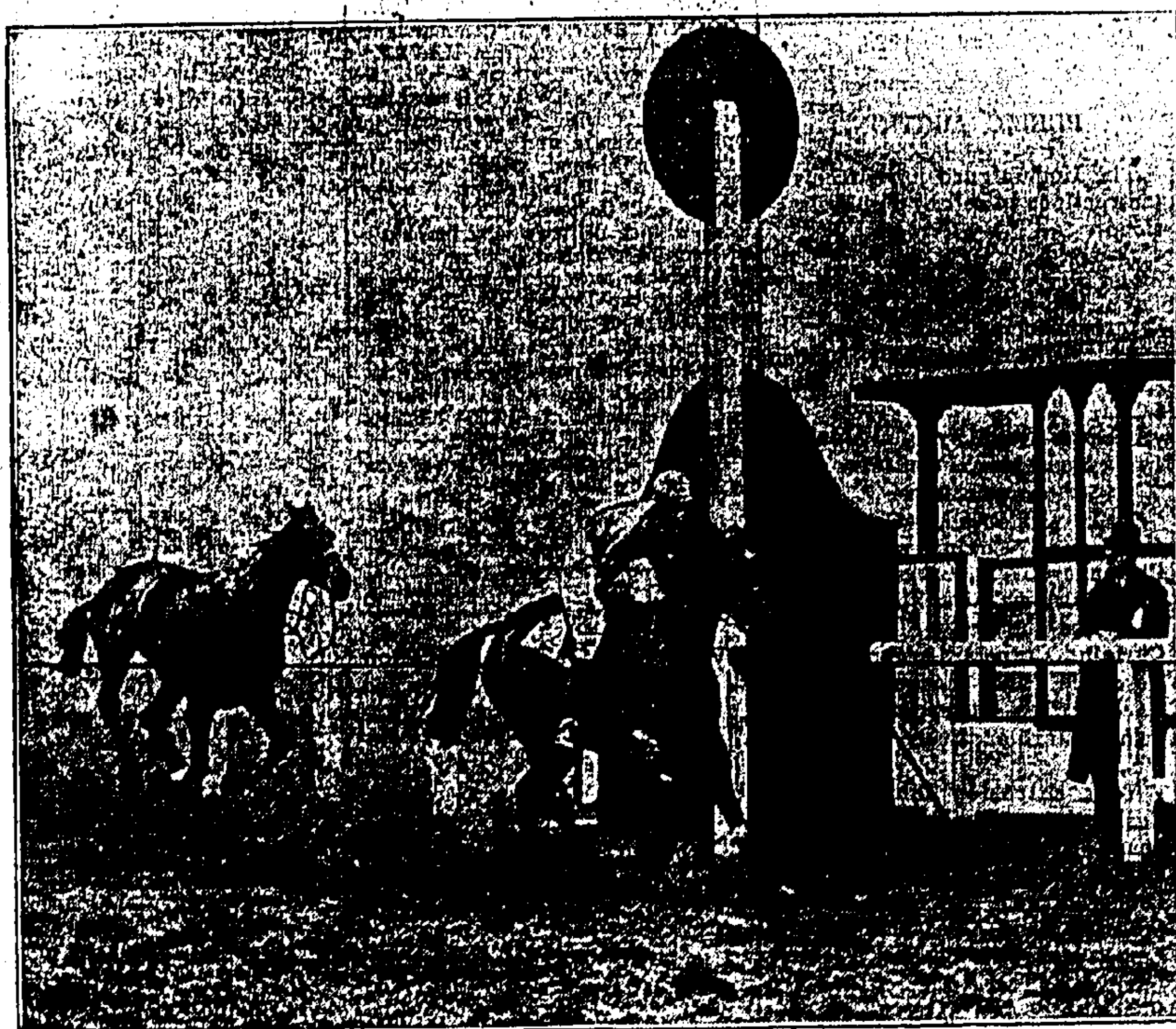
ALEXANDRA BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD



Four of the nine horses left in the Grand National taking the water-jump at the end of the first circuit. (Times copyright).



Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, C-in-C. of the Mediterranean Fleet before handing over his command to Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, held a review at Gibraltar. (Times copyright).



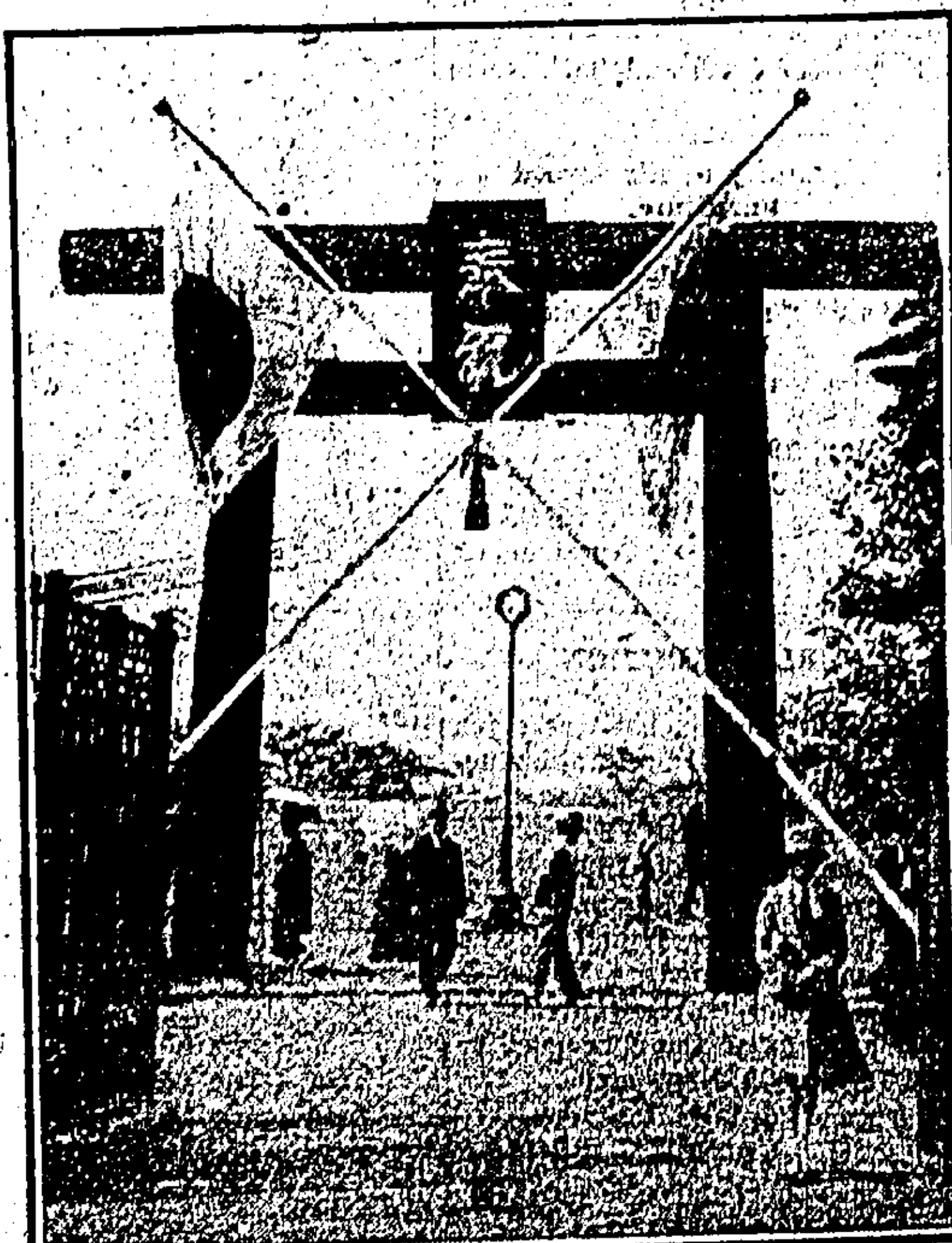
Tipperary Tim passing the Grand National winning post alone except for a riderless horse.



A 26lb. salmon being landed from the Wye. (Times copyright).



Mr. Mervyn Parker and Miss Evelyn Mary Pattison, on the left, recently married in Hankow.



A Torii Gate erected at the entrance to Hongkew Park in honour of the Japanese Emperor, recently.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Saturday, 19th May, 1928, at 12 noon.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 9th May, 1928, to 19th May, 1928, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1928.

BRITISH LEGION

HONGKONG BRANCH.

The 7th Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, 11th May, 1928, in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

To receive the report and accounts for the year 1927.

To elect officers, etc.

A. PIERCY,
Hon. Secretary.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Members are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (DAVID HOUSE), on THURSDAY, 10th May, at six o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS.

Elections and General.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

MACAO CHARITY AND COMMERCIAL FAIR.

AUTUMN 1928.

The attention of the public is drawn to this praiseworthy effort in aid of the funds of the Macao Holy Institute of Mercy, established in 1569.

Admission Souvenir Tickets are now available.

Merchants and Manufacturers interested should communicate with the Organising Secretaries of the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair, Macao.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 17th May, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1928.

MACAO RACES.

EIGHT-EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 13TH MAY, 1928.

First Race 1.15 p.m.

Public Enclosure 40 cents

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RACE STEAMERS HONGKONG TO MACAO.

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A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—

Teak Bookcase, Hatstand, Cretonne Covered Couch and Armchairs, Glass Cabinets, Desks, Office Chairs, Clothes Hanger, Gramophones, Records, Carpets, Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Ornaments, Curios, Electric Table Fans, etc., etc.

Teak and Oak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards with Bevelled Mirrors, Dinner Waggon, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

Teak and Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Teak and Oak Wardrobes with and without Mirrors, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Chamber Stands, Side Tables, Toilet Crockery, Commodities, etc., etc.

Also

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

Comprising:—

Teapots, Curio Cabinets, Marble Top Round Table, Marble Top Stools, Chairs, Joss Tables, Opium Stools, Jardiniere, Folding Tables, etc., etc.

And
1 "White Frost" Refrigerator.
2 "Remington" Typewriters.
1 American Ice Chest.
1 "Morrison" Cottage Piano.
2 Enamelled Baths with Fittings.
1 Oliver Typewriter.
1 Royal Typewriter.
6 Woollen Blankets (New).
1 Roll Endless Felt.
Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Tuesday, the 8th May, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 2, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 14th May, 1928,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
At "Villa Manola," Sassoon Road, (off Victoria Road) Pokfulam.

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Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield Couch and Chairs with Fancy Cretonne Covers, Large and Comfortable Armchairs, Silk and Embroidered Cushions, Silk and Net Curtains, Carpets, Large Satsuma, Porcelain and Lacquer Vases, Lacquer Tea Poy, Brass Ornaments, Marble Busts, Pictures, etc., etc.

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Catalogues will be issued.

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on THURSDAY,
the 10th May, 1928,
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At Godowns Nos. 47 and 50, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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2 Cases Alarm Clocks.
2 Circular Knitting Machines.
1 Desk Fan.
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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday, the 18th May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th May, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1928.

Visitors to the British Museum

on Easter Monday numbered 6,690,

against 6,042 last year.

Mrs. Ann Jelly, of Leicester,

who was 102 has died.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1280 n.

Chartered Bank, \$21 b.

Mercantile A. & B., \$331 n.

P. and O., \$24 n.

East Asia, \$75 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$680 n.

Union Ins., \$343 b.

North China Ins., Tls. 140 n.

Yangtze Ins., \$47 b.

China Underwriters, \$21 b.

China Fire, \$215 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$40 s.

H. K. Steamboats, \$281 b.

H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.

Indo-China, (Def.) \$78 b.

Shell Trans., \$90/- n.

Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 n.

Kailans, 60/- n.

Langkats, Tls. \$131 n.

Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.

Roubs, \$4 n.

Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$133 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$421 b.

China Providents, \$5.80 s.

Hongkows, Tls. 159 b.

New Engineerings, Tls. 5 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 109 b.

Cottons.

Ewa Cottons, Tls. 8.25 b.

Oriental, Tls. 2 b.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 55 (old) a

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$31 s.

H. K. Lands, \$651 s.

Shai Lands Tls. 140 b.

Humphreys, \$141 n.

Realities, \$3.25 b.

Territorials, \$1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$131 b.

Star Ferries, \$641 s.

China Lights, (Old) \$11.40 s.

H'kong Electric, \$701 s.

Macao Electric, \$261 b.

Telephones \$4.70 b.

China Buses, Tls. 71 n.

Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$5 s.

Malabons, \$241 n.

Canton Ice, \$4 n.

Coments (Comb) \$91 s.

Ropes (Old) \$71 s.

United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.75 s.

Watsons, \$14 s.

Dur A. Wing, 50 n.

Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.

Macintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceros, \$11 b.

Wm. Powells, \$3 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 s.

Constructions, \$11 n.

E'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.

H. K. G. Loan, 71 X. Interest

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Young at Forty.

[By a Nurse.]

"Women are at their best at forty," remarked an eminent specialist recently. "By then they have acquired poise, serenity, and a mature charm that is very attractive."

That is rather nice to know. And, yet, nearly every woman, when she reaches the age of forty, has an instinctive feeling that something she wishes to retain, is fast slipping from her.

And that is Youth. But Youth is not determined by age of the body. Old age is caused by wearing emotions, dull and colourless surroundings, indifference to bodily health, and by excesses of all kinds.

The woman who is young in spirit will never look old, no matter how many years her birth certificate gives her.

Contact with children and young people acts as a vitaliser. One cannot laugh and play with youth, without some of the glamour falling on oneself.

Their enthusiasms, and clear-eyed way of looking at life and people, have a stimulating effect on the woman who takes the trouble to love them.

To hold Youth, there must always be an interest. The magnetic, lovable women of all ages have had this faculty of being interested in things outside themselves.

Find a Hobby.

A woman is losing her youth, only when she ceases to find life interesting.

If there is any inclination to get in a "rut" find a new interest. There are hobbies to suit all tastes. Many of them can be remunerative, but even if they are not, there is the joy of effort, and the thrill of achievement.

There are countless clubs, where women may find excellent companionship.

Health is a paramount factor. The woman who possesses good health, will look and feel years younger than the woman whose health is precarious.

Diet must be considered, as women at this age have a tendency to accumulate fat. Quality, but not bulk is required.

It is wise to cut down meat to once a day. All dairy foods should be taken fresh, also fruit, vegetables, and salads.

Lemons are splendid. They are an internal antiseptic and act beneficially on the liver.

The juice of one in a tumbler of hot water, taken every morning fasting, will do a good deal towards retaining a soft, and clear complexion.

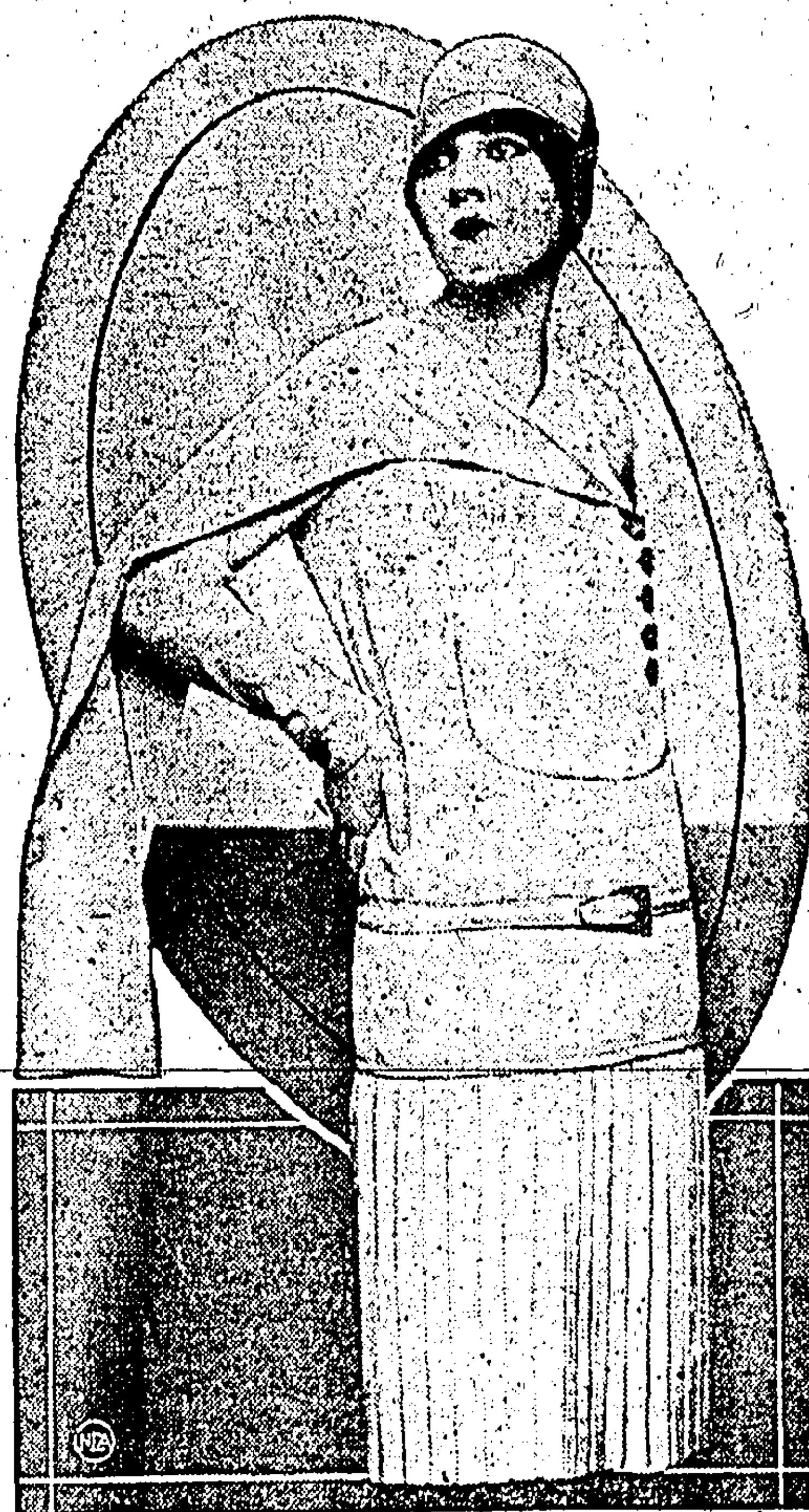
Exercise in the open air is important. It is easy to join a club for some game or other.

Never think, "Oh, I'm too old for that sort of thing. I'll leave that to the young folk."

This mental attitude is fatal. Do not let the idea of age creep into your mind. Don't sit back. Join anything, do anything, that will bring you in contact with young, jolly, happy people.

We women are so affected by surroundings that it is well to introduce as much colour and harmony into our homes as possible. Pretty things cost no more than drab ones, and the effect on the spirits is far-reaching.

Make the most of your appearance, your health, your intelligence, and there is no reason why forty should not see you at the height of your power and charm.



A new sports suit in orchid wool and flat crepe bows to Fashion's dictate that sports suits must be sportier this year. The jumper is of angora wool with a tricky vestee in flat crepe that is cut in one piece to fashion a scarf that can be wound around the neck or tossed off the shoulder jauntily. The skirt has all-round pleats, in the flat crepe, and the felt hat, in orchid tone, has a faced brim, a two-inch band across the crown and a modernistic buckle of purple straw.

Eyes & Earrings.

STUDY YOUR TYPE.

The type and colour of an earring have such a very pronounced effect on the beauty of a woman's eyes that far more care and thought should be given to their selection than is generally the case.

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Diamonds, though beautiful in themselves, should never be chosen for earrings, for they make the most melting eyes look hard and soulless, and give an old look to a young face. If worn they should always be set in conjunction with pearls to give a softening effect.

Pearls may be worn with success by any colour eyes and any type of face. The blue-eyed woman should choose turquoise for her earrings, both for day and evening occasions.

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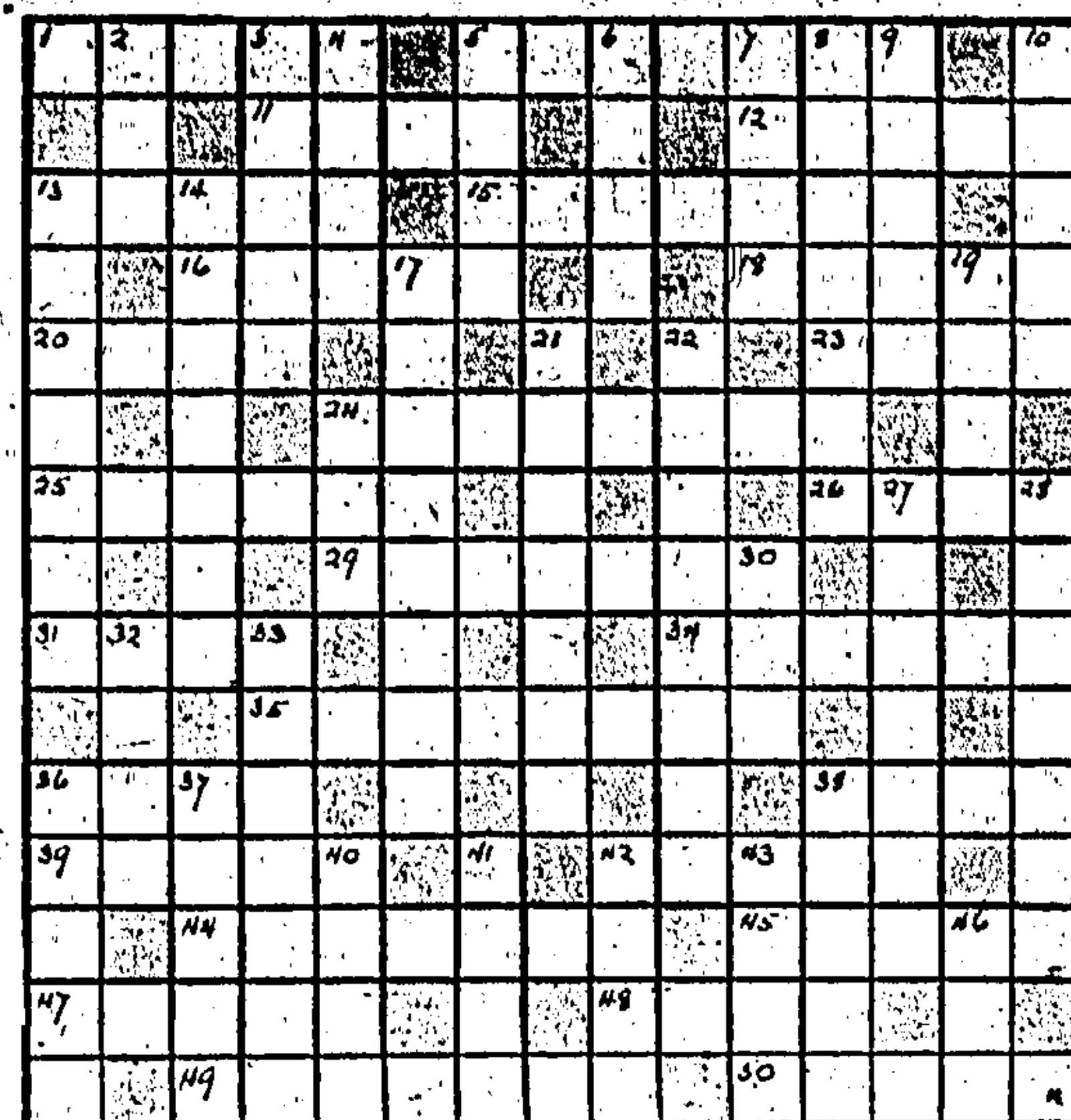
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5. Entangled.
11. Relating to the ear.
12. Derived from oil.
13. Large public room.
15. Kind of barometer.
16. Barn.
18. Cliff.
20. Piquant.
23. Evil.
24. Obvious.
25. Sepoy.
26. Fish of the herring family.
29. Mingled with.
31. Compound of sodium.
34. Precious metal.
35. Ancient Roman silver coin.
38. British shrub of plum genus.
39. Gond.
39. A standard weight.
42. Nest of a hawk.
44. Warned thoroughly.
45. Opened out.
47. Summit.
48. Prescribed quantity.
49. Machines for cutting grain.
50. Species of poplar.

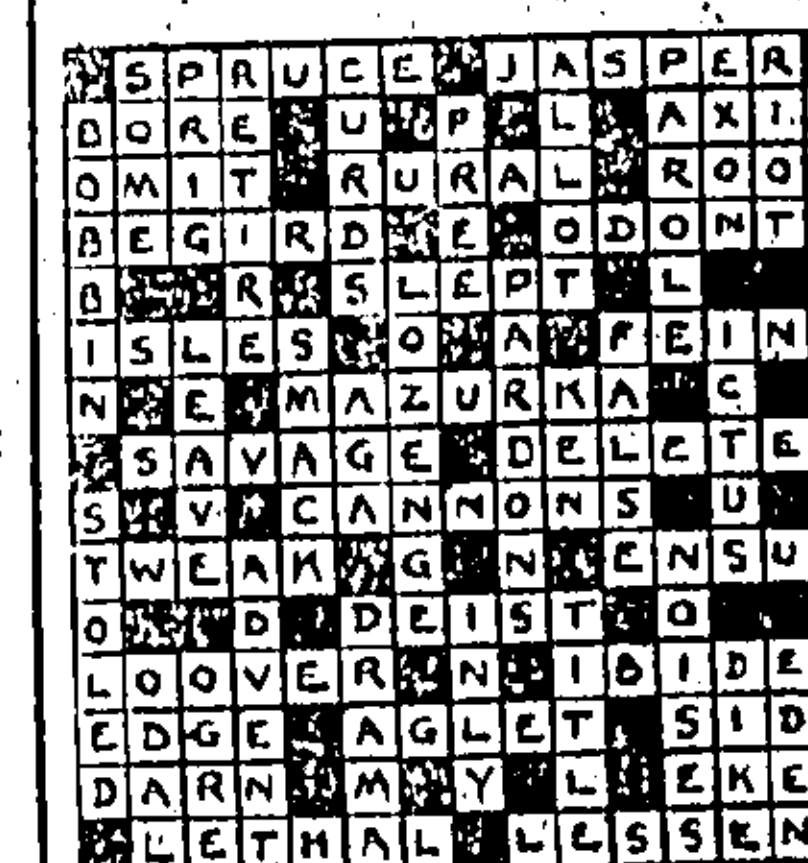
Down

2. Age.
3. Cry of the Australian aborigines.
4. Volcano.
6. Tax.
6. Affirmative replies.
7. Famous battle.
8. Deduces.
9. Ingenious.
10. Cliffs.
13. Fleshy fruit composed of many flowers etc.

14 Plant belonging to an order between mosses and ferns.

17. Hedge.
18. Bone of the forearm.
21. Place where clothes are washed.
22. Restore courage to.
24. Exclamation expressing triumph.
27. Hung fluttering in the air.
28. Riddled.
30. It is (Cont).
32. European capital.
33. Appertaining to a gland.
36. Seasoning.
37. External.
38. Languishes.
40. Know facts.
41. Growth on the eye-lid.
42. Johns.
43. Species of Asiatic deer.
46. Congealed water.

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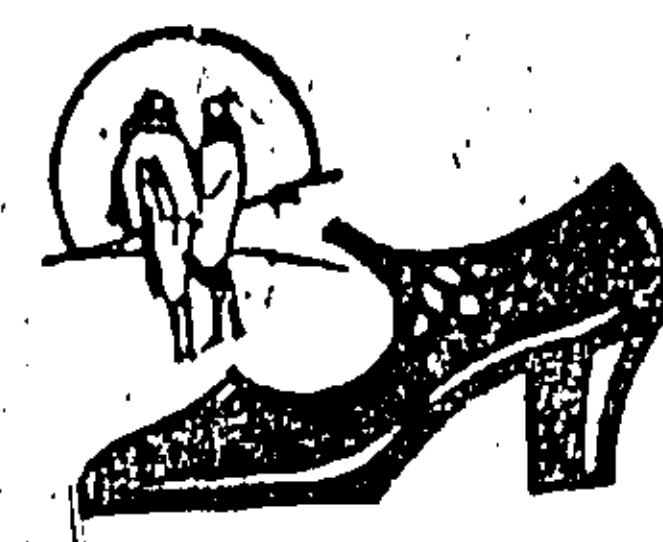
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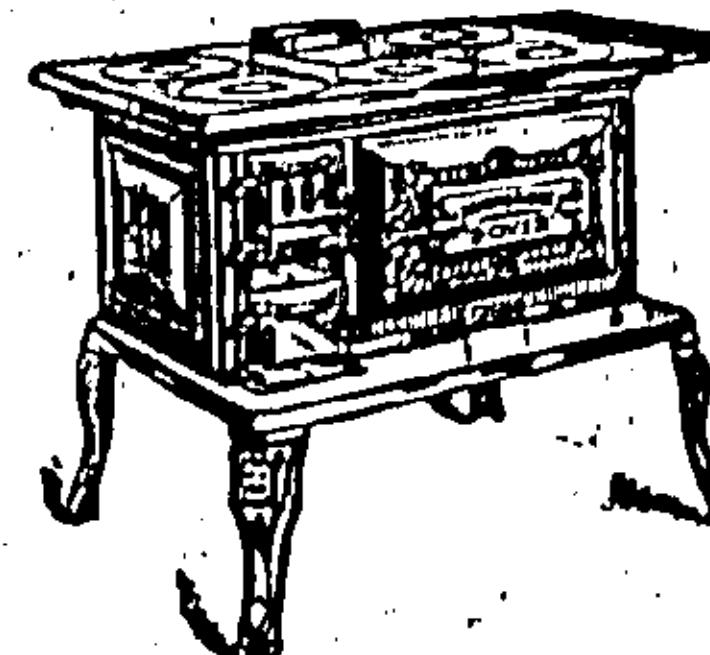
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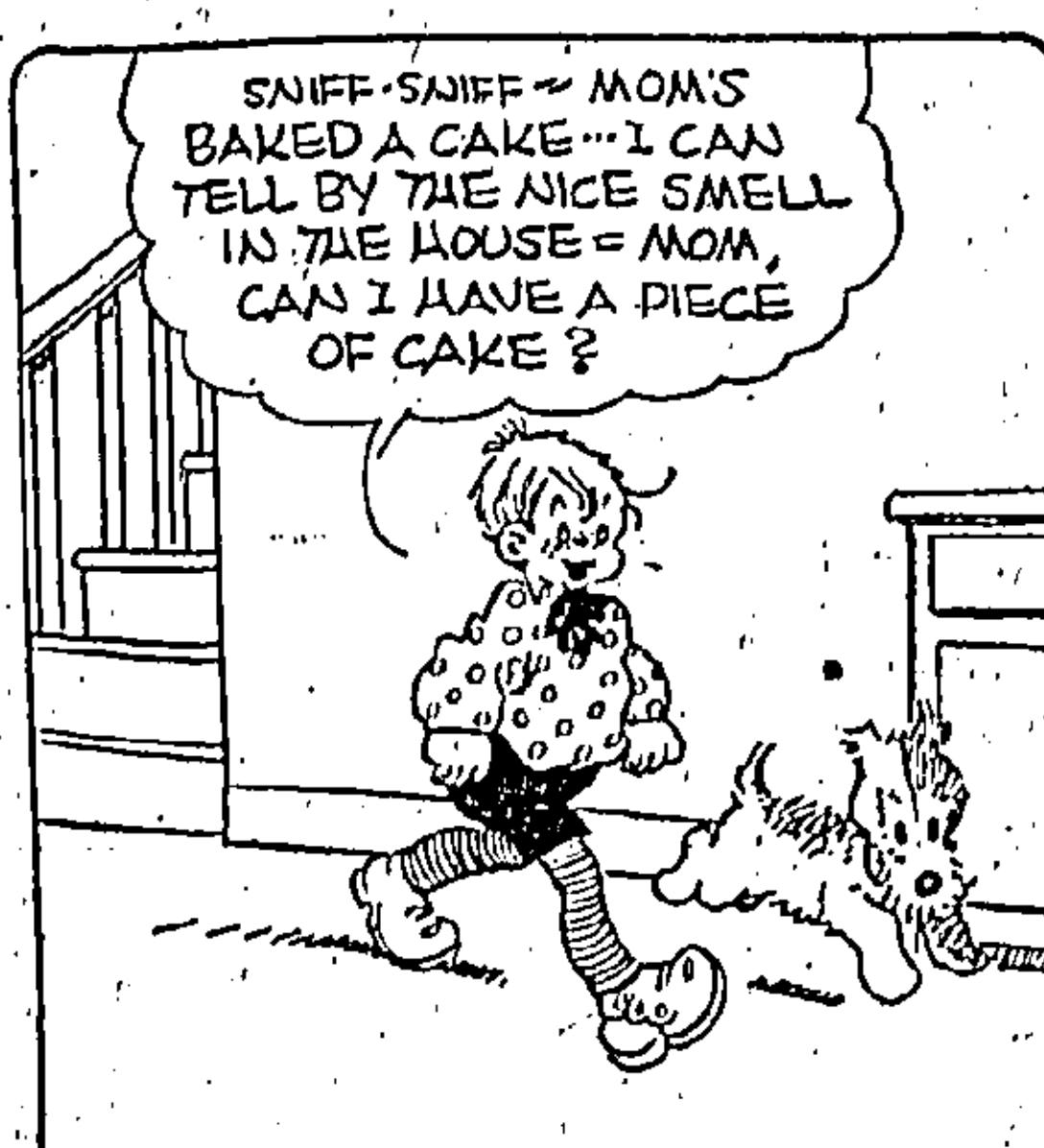
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The Hon. Blanche Dundas, sister of the 6th Viscount Melville and aunt of the present Peer, has died at Huntingdon at the age of 82.

Dr. Jeno Sipocz, Mayor of Budapest, has arrived in London with about 40 of his countrymen on an informal and private visit.

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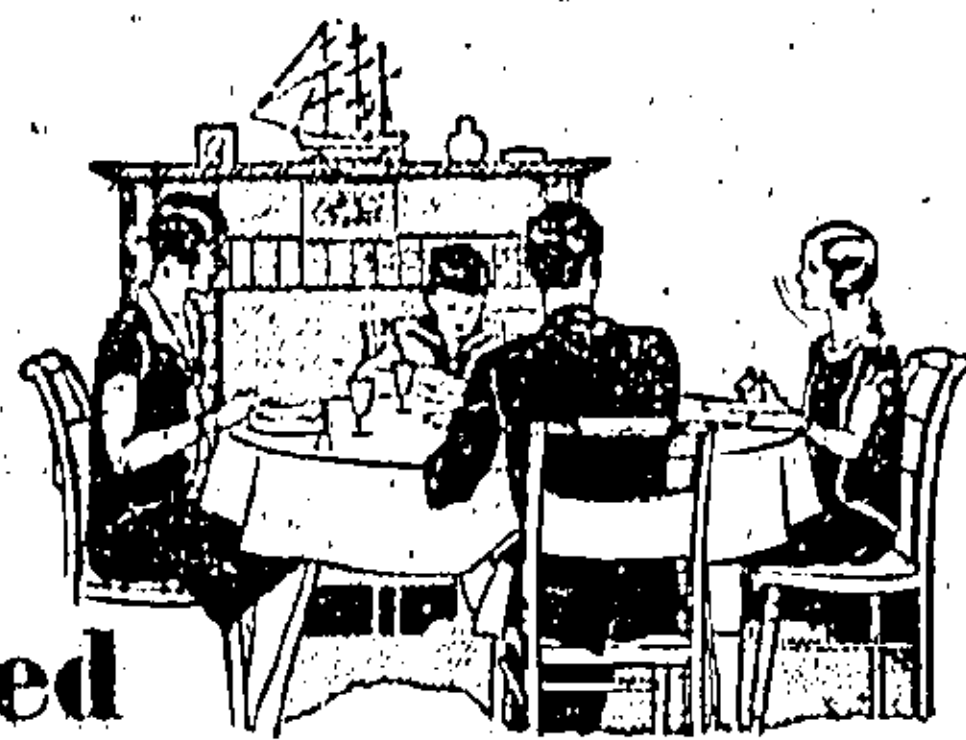
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1928

THE TSINAN CRISIS.

The hopes entertained over the week-end that there would be no further clashes between the Chinese and Japanese military forces at Tsinanfu broke down yesterday, when news came through of a renewal of the unfortunate conflicts. Whilst still holding the view that the Japanese were in unlawful occupation of the commercial area, the Chinese authorities had apparently ordered all Chinese troops and officials from this region, with a view, as Marshal Chiang Kai-shek stated, to avoiding further serious developments. According to Tokyo reports, however, this arrangement was broken by the Nationalist troops, who are accused of having for the second time ignored their orders and to have launched an attack on the Japanese forces. If that is really the case, there can be no question as to who is to blame for the recrudescence of the trouble. At the time of writing, however, we have only the Japanese version of the causes which led to a renewal of hostilities. It would be wise, before passing judgment, to learn the Chinese explanation of this regrettable turn in events.

To the impartial observer, it is extremely difficult to apportion blame for the events of the past week in Tsinanfu. The Japanese explanation of the first clash was that their defences had been withdrawn from the Japanese quarter on the Nationalists guaranteeing protection, but that almost immediately afterwards there was an influx of Southern troops who started indiscriminate looting and firing. The Chinese versions have been that the fighting was occasioned by Japanese soldiers arresting Nationalist propaganda agents and by a refusal to permit certain unarmed Chinese troops to pass the point where the Japanese were on guard. We gather these Chinese allegations from various reports contained in Press cables, but, so far, we have not encountered any official version of the commencement of the trouble, beyond a suggestion contained in a declaration by the Nationalist Foreign Minister that on entering Tsinanfu the Japanese troops "fired ruthlessly at our soldiers and people." Few people, however, will be prepared to regard this latter statement as an adequate

explanation of the origin of the clash. Knowing the delicate position in which they were placed, the Japanese military commanders would scarcely be likely to precipitate serious trouble by such unwarranted tactics. But in the absence of statements by wholly disinterested eye-witnesses, such as have not yet come to hand, it would be politic to lay aside the question of responsibility for the tragic happenings. At the moment, feeling in both Chinese and Japanese circles is so inflamed that reports from either quarter seeking to pin down responsibility for the occurrences should be taken with reserve.

That the presence of Japanese troops in Shantung should be resented by the Chinese at the present juncture is only natural. There were protests when the intention of despatching them was first announced, and there have been many since. It is, however, only fair to attempt to look at the matter from the Japanese standpoint, which is that, after lengthy deliberation, the Government came to the conclusion that no other course could be consistent with the Premier's declaration of August last when he announced to the world his determination to protect the interests and lives of Japanese nationals in China at any cost.

There are, it must be remembered, some ten thousand Japanese in Tsingtao alone, with over two thousand more in Tsinanfu, to say nothing of the extensive Japanese business interests in both cities. "Japan has not forgotten the Nanking incident," said a Tokyo Government spokesman recently, "and public opinion in this country demands that our people in China be protected." There were fears, according to this official, that the Chinese soldiery might get out of hand as they did at Nanking; not that the commanders would not desire to protect foreign interests, but that they would not be able to do so. That extensive looting has occurred, not only of Japanese but of other foreign property as well, and that terrible atrocities have been committed on civilians, there seems little room to doubt. But it has yet to be established whether these things happened before or after the first clash at arms. All we can now hope is that, even at this late hour of the day, some means will be found to bring this suicidal conflict to an early end, so that peace may be restored in the East. For a continuance of these outbursts can only lead to events of even greater gravity.

The Rumanian "Thriller."

The intrigues of an ex-Crown Prince, who, for the sake of a red-haired woman, renounces his right of accession to the Throne in favour of a six-year-old son, to find later that his ambitions are stronger than his resolution, and plots to overthrow the Regency, sound more like the theme of a novel from the pen of a William Le Queux or a Baroness D'Orezy than current Rumanian politics. The facts relating to the late God-son of the late King Carol, who was deposed by the Prince to his country when the coup d'etat is to be effected, and only an attempted assassination or so is necessary to make the story worth the while of Mr. Edgar Wallace. Yet these are the facts concerning the aspirations of ex-Crown Prince Carol, of Rumania, to the throne which would have been his but for his adventures with Madame Lupescu. Up to yesterday he was residing in England, but Home and Foreign Office officials are not grateful to harbour a meddlesome, if mettlesome, personality, and have suggested, in other words, that he might conduct himself to a more healthy climate. Prince Carol must have derived much amusement from the wild assumptions on a simple visit to a London cinema to see "We are all Gamblers" but that his movements are being followed so closely is indicative of a certain knowledge that something unusual relating to Rumania is in the air. The Liberal Government in power in Rumania is endeavouring to discount the stories of revolution, and evidently does not think that the campaign of agitation carried on by the Peasants has real significance as far as they are concerned. M. Vintila Bratianu, fierce patriot as

DAY BY DAY.

YOU WILL FIND HALF THE BATTLE IS GAINED IF YOU NEVER ALLOW YOURSELF TO SAY ANYTHING GLOOMY. —L. M. Child.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, from Shanghai, is due here at 7 a.m. on Friday.

The Empress of Asia left Yokohama yesterday at 5 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on the 15th inst.

The motor vessel Japanese Prince, from New York, sailed from Shanghai yesterday morning, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow afternoon.

The s.s. President Jefferson, arriving from U.S. ports and Shanghai, reports the death of a Chinese, Yee Moe-an, on May 4th, one day before arriving at the latter port.

The M.S. Talleyrand, of the Norwegian, Africa and Australia Line, left Lisbon on 1st inst., and is expected to arrive here on or about 10th June, with cargo from Norway and ports.

A matched lavatory at Whitfield Barracks caught fire yesterday evening and was almost entirely destroyed. The Kowloon Brigade received the call at 7.30 p.m. and despatched two appliances to the scene.

In the advertisement of the Anderson Music Company, on another page of this issue, there is a deliberate mistake. To the first person who detects the error and reports same to the Company concerned will be presented free a 10-inch record of his or her own choosing.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, left for Marseilles by the M. M. liner Chenonceaux yesterday. By the same boat there also travelled Dr. Felix d'Horta, Dr. Ramon de Santos, Rev. Father Saunier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cabral and Mr. A. F. de Garcia.

A reward of \$1,500 has been offered by the Singapore police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a Dutch born Hakkien, named Thio Kim Chuan, who is wanted for criminal breach of trust in respect of rubber valued at \$87,200, the property of the Netherlands Trading Society and also 10,000 gunny bags, valued at \$2,950, the property of Chop Nam Seng Wai.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 20 arrivals and 23 departures, of which four and 10 respectively were British, leaving 16 vessels in harbour of which 16 were British. Tonnage was increased, but inward freights were extremely low, there being only three returns of four figures. Through registries were better, with some high individual returns, three vessels entering in ballast only.

An extraordinary incident occurred in the Penang District Court last week during the hearing of a charge against a bankrupt, Messrs. Hastings Rhodes, Saunders and Finch, who appeared for the defence, withdrew from the case, and left the court whilst the case was proceeding. It appears that counsel objected to the evidence of one of the witnesses and when the Judge overruled the objection counsel withdrew.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Russia to-day were Major and Mrs. G. F. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stansfield, Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Greene, Mrs. W. A. Nowers, Engineer Commander H. G. Marshall, Capt. O. Mitchell, Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, Mr. W. H. Beatty, Mr. J. H. Bottomley, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. M. E. Durand and Mr. W. Brown.

he is, probably finds it difficult to understand that there should be any resistance to his economic policy, which while settling external debts and improving the value of the leu, has also been achieved at a terrible cost. Trade is almost throttled, partly by the tremendous heavy import and export taxes, partly by lack of capital, and again by inefficient transport facilities; and while internal trade is thus stagnant, it is not unexpected that those heavily burdened seek any avenue of relief, however doubtful the offering. It may be, as M. Inca states, that there is no backing in Rumania for Prince Carol's aspirations, but it is significant that M. Maniu, the prominent Peasant leader, seeks an interview with the Regency at Bucharest. Interesting developments are possible within the next few days.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

SHAREBROKER AND OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Ho Hung, who described himself as a sharebroker, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning, charged with possession of 140 taels of prepared opium. He was arrested during a raid by Revenue Officers on the Tai Chung Kwok Boarding House in Des Voeux Road.

The defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, who pleaded guilty on his behalf but declared that defendant had been made a scapegoat.

Mr. Remedios said a friend of defendant's told him to go to the Tai Chung Kwok restaurant to meet a prospective client. He went in the company of his friend and three others.

On arrival at the restaurant, the supposed share-buyer was nowhere to be seen, and Ho and his friend waited in the restaurant whilst the other three men went "to look for the would-be investor."

Ho's friend then told him of a scheme to smuggle opium and promised him 10 cents for each tael he carried. He consented, and it was at this moment that the Revenue Officers arrived. His friend managed to escape but Ho was caught.

Mr. Remedios asked his Worship to be lenient with the defendant in view of the special circumstances.

The Chief Preventive Officer agreed that the defendant was not a principal.

A fine of \$5,000 or in default six months' hard labour was imposed.

TRUCULENT OLD MAN.

ARGUED AGAINST COURT'S SENTENCE.

An old Chinese was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, at the instance of a Sanitary Inspector, for using the basement of his house at 39, Square Street as sleeping quarters.

He disputed the evidence, stating that the men who were found lying in the basement were enjoying a pipe of opium after their day's work.

The Sanitary Inspector said that when he visited the premises, it was well past eleven o'clock in the evening.

Of the six men whom he found in the basement of the building, one was lying asleep on a canvas bed, while the others were stretched out on mats and were smoking opium.

On being fined \$25 and warned against a repetition of the offence, defendant argued against the penalty and was sharply ordered by his Worship "to go away."

He then said he was unable to pay the fine.

His Worship indicated that the alternative would be 14 days' imprisonment.

OBTAINED PAPER ON HIS FACE.

BUT TWO THIEVES TRY A SECOND TIME.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, charged with obtaining two lots of paper by false pretences.

The men presented themselves at the Ying Cheong Sang, a stationer's shop, at 200, Des Voeux Road Central, a few days ago and obtained twenty catties of brown parcel paper.

One of the men was known as an employee of the Man Lee Chan firm and the paper was handed over without questions.

Yesterday they sought to obtain a further fifteen catties of the paper. In the meantime however, the stationers had learned that the man had been discharged from his employment and they lost no time in communicating with the police.

Pleading guilty the defendants were each sentenced to eight weeks' hard labour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, May 8.

Paris	124.124
Brussels	34.95
Amsterdam	12.10
Copenhagen	20.49
Berlin	13.195
Vienna	34.675
Hamburg	193.4
Lisbon	2.4
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/4
New York	4.88 1/16
Geneva	25.325
Milan	13.10
Stockholm	18.225
Oslo	16.44
Prague	25.95
Madrid	37.24
Athens	5.59/64
Rio	1/5.31/82
Bombay	2/0 1/4
Hongkong	2/7 1/2
Silver (spot)	26.15/10
Silver (forward)	—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Mrs. Smithson had a terrible temper, and her husband was much in awe of her. One day, in his own den, he was discussing to a few choice friends concerning some of her peculiarities.

"I have thought for some time," he said, "that my wife was utterly devoid of taste, but the other day she put on a new dress in which she out-Heroded Herod, it was so awful, and as she went out I leant out of the window to have another look at her, and—"

At this moment his wife entered suddenly. "And the funniest part of the whole thing," went on Smithson without turning a hair, "was that they found the new eleven days' after on the third platform of the Eiffel Tower."

Mrs. Smithson never understood what there was in this silly statement to make them all laugh so much.

Tim, Tim, Tipperary Tim.
Won the National (good for him).

Though forty-two were after startin'.

Only he and Billy Barton
Over all the fences dartin'.

Had the winning vim.
The bookies cheered the most.

As Tim skinned past the post,
Oh, I wish I'd had a silver.

On Tipperary Tim.

Seeking employment in a London office, a cockney had caused astonishment when he confessed that his previous situation had been an engagement at a South London home as a maid-of-all-work. After making repeatedly unsuccessful efforts to obtain "manual" work, this fifteen-year-old lad decided to make a round of offices in the city.

"I had to get up very early in the morning," he told his prospective employer, "and my first job was to get the breakfast ready. During the day I had to serve at table, answer the doorbell, scrub the floors, make the beds, run errands and clean the boots and silver. My employer was very good to me, but the housekeeper was always saying I didn't do enough work. My wages were twelve shillings and sixpence (\$3.00) a week, and I had time off when I could get it." He is now employed in the London office and can make an excellent cup of tea.

North London man: When they saw my face they shouted "Murder!"

Barrister to a motorist at Bow County Court: How often had you used the road where the accident occurred? Motorist: Once too often.

Wife, promising at Bow County Court to pay off a debt: I will stop his supper beer.

Stratford lodger: A husband does not usually bother about the language he uses to his wife.

A man who described himself at Willesden Police Court as a musician had a mouth organ in his possession.

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, at Westminster County Court: The court never loses a document. The only thing that is ever lost here is a case.

An aged Scotsman was on his death-bed. His parish minister urged upon him the necessity of preparing for the future life, and spoke of the near approach of the time when he would have to appear before the "King of Terrors."

"Weel, weel," replied the old Scot, "an' what for should I be afraid to meet the 'King of Terrors'?"

Has I no lived with the queen of them for the last fifty years?"

Some "bowlers":

The launch or lunch of a ship is the potatoes and mash the head people get after the ship goes into the water. They also drink a lot of beer and stuff.

Vasco da Gama was an explorer who doubled the Cape of Good Hope. There's only one Cape of Good Hope now, but there were two when Vasco had done the job.

That was hundreds of years ago. He is dead now.

Tarzan is the short name for the American flag. The full name is Tarzan Stripes.

Skeletons are bones with the people rubbed off.

The youth of Britain was stunned and Saville Row tailors were thunderstruck when reports were published that the Prince of Wales had appeared at Mansion House wearing trousers with turned-up cuffs with his morning coat. "The Prince made a mistake either with his coat or with his trousers," declared one veteran tailor with conviction.

Among passengers arriving by s.s. President Jefferson was Mr. D. T. Buckley, Comptroller of the Dollar Steamship Line, making a tour of inspection in the interests of the Line. He will continue the trip to Manila in the s.s. President Grant on Saturday, with Captain Robert Dollar and family, arriving by that ship.

RIOTS IN SINGAPORE URGED.

"RED" SERVANTS SENT FOR TRIAL.

SEDITIONS MATTER.

The killing of Consuls of the various nations; the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Director of Education, the Governor of Singapore, the Resident Councillors and military and naval officers was advocated in a document described by Inspector Kemps, in the course of a police court prosecution at Singapore last week, as one of several seditious publications he found in the possession of two Hyams during a raid on the servants' quarters of Lieut. Wilson's house on Mount Faber.

Inspector Kemp stated in reply to Court Inspector Papuharson that that document was called "Method of Riot."

The two Hyams were present in Court on an allegation of being in possession of seditious documents. Inspector Kemp stated that banishment warrants had been executed on two other Hyams arrested during the raid.

In all 18 pamphlets were found. One of them was headed "Blood Light," and another pamphlet described as "General Principles of Propaganda On Carrying Out Singapore's First Riot." Among other things, oral, written and oral propaganda were advocated, and use of bombs and firearms.

Materials for the manufacture of bombs similar to those used during the shoemakers' strike were found. An opalograph was found, and a roll of paper similar to that of which the pamphlets were composed.

Lieut. C. J. Wilson, Deputy Registrar of Shipping, stated that the first accused had been one of his "boys," the second accused his cook.

Magistrate:—You will be pleased to hear they were plotting your personal destruction.

Witness stated the "boy" had been with him six months; the cook, rather less.

Inspector Papuharson:—While they were with you, would it be correct to say they were constantly having visitors?

Lieut. Wilson:—That was my complaint.

The prisoners were committed for trial on a charge of being in possession of seditious documents.

CAUGHT WITH DYNAMITE.

MAGAZINE WATCHMAN IS SENTENCED.

The arrest of a magazine watchman yesterday with a quantity of dynamite and detonators in his possession led to a prosecution being directed against the owner of the quarry containing the illegal use of dynamite which is issued to him under licence.

On the watchman being charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, with being in possession of 200 sticks of dynamite and 200 detonators, Sub-Inspector James, prosecuting, said the defendant was arrested going from the magazine on the Tai Wan Road, to the Tai Wan beach. He was carrying a sack, which, when searched, was found to contain the dynamite.

When questioned, he told the police that he had received instructions from his master to take the dynamite to the beach to hand over to a man. The owner of the magazine lived at Shauiwan and at the time could not be found. He later, however, went to the Police Station.

The magazine, continued Sub-Inspector James, was empty, although according to the man's licence he was issued with 800 sticks of dynamite five days ago. It was possible that the master had instructed the watchman to hand explosive to some boat people. The master, when called before the Magistrate, denied that he gave the watchman any instructions relating to the dynamite. When asked what he had done with the remaining 600 sticks, the defendant said he had used them in his workshop.

Worship intimated that it was impossible to use that quantity of dynamite.

The watchman was fined \$100, or the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

RAIN FORECASTED.

The Royal Observatory report states: A fresh anticyclone moved over North China. Depression covers Japan. A cold front is situated more than 100 miles E.S.E. of Aparri and is moving East.

From noon to-morrow, light to moderate, probably rain.

SHANGHAI HOTEL SCHEME.

THE SASSOON HOUSE PROJECT.

NEW HOTEL CO. TO HAVE LEASE.

PART AS OFFICES.

The arrival in Shanghai from India of so distinguished a visitor as Sir Victor Sassoon draws public attention to final plans regarding the new Sassoon House, shortly to lend its architectural beauty and modern facilities to the Bund at the corner of Nanking Road, says the N. C. Daily News.

Sir Victor arrived on the str. Athos, and will remain in Shanghai for approximately one month, when he will go to Hongkong, about June 1, for a fortnight before returning to India.

Hotel Scheme.

Commenting on Sassoon House, in which offices will be available for next autumn, Sir Victor said that it had now been definitely decided that the upper part of the building would be utilized as a hotel. The plans were being carried out to have the Bund entrance of the building for the hotel, a handsome loggia and staircase leading to a well-lit lounge beyond. Another lounge would be on the Jinkee Road side of the building, it was pointed out, with an entrance also from Nanking Road where all the customary facilities for an eleven o'clock cup of coffee, etc. would be available for the public.

The first and second floors would be let as offices, chiefly to legal firms, doctors, dentists and other professional men, and the whole of the third floor would be offices of the third floor would be offices of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., and their associate firm, Arnhold & Co., Ltd., with the exception of an extensive suite of offices which would be occupied by Messrs. Hansons, solicitors.

The Claridge's of the East.

The front part of the fourth floor had been let to the American Women's Club and was being laid out as club premises with accommodation included for residence, and the remainder of the fourth floor, together with the fifth, sixth and seventh floors would consist of luxurious bedrooms and suites, or what the management aimed at making the "Claridges" of the Far East.

An additional large lounge set back from the main line of the building on the Nanking Road frontage, the eighth floor on that side, was included in the hotel accommodation, as was, on the Jinkee Road side, similarly set back a billiard room and other rooms for hotel residents and guests.

In the base of the tower, on the ninth floor, would be a luxurious lounge dining room, while above would be a private banqueting room. A number of private dining rooms immediately below the tower would make attractive features on the 11th floor, overlooking the river and in the tower itself a fire brigade watchman would keep a lookout for fires throughout Shanghai, this elevation providing, not only a beautiful view for miles around, but an interesting new Municipal development.

A New Hotel Company.

The part of the premises comprising the hotel was to be leased by the owners to a new company to be formed under the title of Cathay Hotel, Ltd., and the 13-storey building now being erected by the Cathay Land Co., at the corner of Rue Bourgeat and Cardinal Mercier, opposite the French Club, which will have 300 rooms will also be under the same direction. The amenities of a high class residential hotel would be provided in both.

It is expected that the latter, which will be ready for occupation about the end of this year, will be known as Cathay Mansions, while the hotel on the Bund will be known as the Cathay Hotel and will probably be ready about the same time or early in 1929.

In conclusion, attention was drawn to the arcade facilities of the new building on the Bund, most of the shop space along the Nanking Road frontage as well as shop in the arcades, having already been leased, although the building is only just beginning to take shape inside.

Rev. Edward G. Miles, of Felixstowe, is accepting the call to the newly-founded Presbyterian Church at Cheam.

While eating his dinner Percy George Vinten, 65, a Rochester machinist, collapsed and died.

KULING'S FUTURE OUTLINED.

JOINT FOREIGN AND CHINESE COUNCIL.

NEW MAYOR'S SCHEME.

Kluikang, Apr. 22. An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the house of Mr. James Chang, the well known local Chinese business man, when his son, George Chang, was formally installed as Mayor of Kluikang and Deputy Defence Commissioner of Hsun Hu (Kluikang Hukow).

Mr. George Chang has many foreign friends, whom he kindly invited to attend at the ceremony, a happy augury of the co-operation which it is hoped his term of office will bring about between the Chinese and foreigners in Kluikang.

Oath Taken.

After the playing of the National Anthem, the reading of the Taung Li's will and three bows to his portrait, Mr. Chang took the oath of office. Congratulatory speeches were then made by the Defence Commissioner, the Chief of the Public Peace Bureau, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and other official and business representatives. Speaking on behalf of the foreigners present, the British Consul thanked Mr. Chang for his kind thought in inviting them to the ceremony and wished him the best of luck in his new position.

Schemes For Kuling.

Mr. Chang replied in both Chinese and English. His English speech was for the benefit of the foreigners present and he took the opportunity to make a statement about Kuling. Mr. Chang stated that as Mayor of Kluikang and Deputy Defence Commissioner he would be responsible for Kuling. He was anxious that foreigners should return to Kuling as in the past and hoped that many of them would go there this summer. He would guarantee their safety. He had troops stationed at Lien Hua Tung, Nankang and Shaho and he was quite sure that while his men held those strategic positions no trouble could occur on the mountain.

He was anxious to carry out improvements in the hill resort and, if the provincial Government's funds allowed of it, he proposed to arrange for the Government to take over the motor car company and the transport coolies. This would result in improved service and lower charges.

Money Needed.

As for the hill top, in order to carry out improvements, money was necessary. Unfortunately now many of the foreign residents were away and as a consequence the taxes were not paid so that there was insufficient money, not sufficient even to pay the police. He therefore appealed to his foreign friends to persuade their acquaintances to return to Kuling to the end that the resort would again thrive.

He did not intend to go into the question of who owned the Estate, or whether it was private property, but he proposed to form a joint Council for the whole of Kuling, consisting of four Chinese gentlemen interested in Kuling, four foreigners who could speak Chinese, and the Mayor of Kluikang as Chairman. All taxes collected would be in the keeping of this Council and no money could be expended without the Council's permission. In this way the interests of the holders would be fully protected.

CROWN COLONY PROBLEMS.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE ON STRAITS VISIT.

DANGERS OF BAD EDUCATION STRESSED.

SYSTEM CRITICISED.

A dinner given at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, last Wednesday by the Straits Settlements Association in honour of the Rt. Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, Under Secretary for the Colonies, was fully representative of the British professional and mercantile community.

The function was notable for the fact that it was the first occasion on which the toast of the Colonial Office had been acknowledged by a representative of that office at a Singapore gathering. In responding, Mr. Ormsby-Gore declined to discuss subjects of current controversy in the Colony, but made an interesting reference to the matter of the Singapore naval base, and enquired upon the new conception of the functions of the Colonial Office and of the relationship of the colonies, protectorates, and mandated territories to each other and to the British Empire as a whole.

The New Partnership.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said:—"It is quite a mistake to continue to regard His Majesty's Government in Great Britain as the sole Imperial Government. Ever since the vital change in inter-imperial relations enunciated in the Balfour Committee report at the Imperial Conference of 1926 we have had to think of the constitution and organization of the British Empire in new terms, and the position of the colonies, protectorates, and mandated territories as partners in the British Commonwealth of Nations has got to be borne in mind. The relations of the various parts of the Empire are undergoing considerable change. Quite frankly, that is why I am here to-day. That is why the Colonial Office in recent years, under successive Secretaries of State, has made it abundantly clear that it conceives that the machinery of Empire can only be effectively worked if both Ministers and permanent officials of the office in Downing Street spend less of their time at their desks and more in the Empire overseas. (Applause.)"

Continuing, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said:—"There is hardly a part of the territories in relation with the Office in Downing Street that has not received a visit either from a Minister or from one of the permanent officials since the present Government has been in power. It so happens that no Minister and no members of the Colonial Office staff has previously visited Malaya. Quite frankly, I may say that it has become all the more necessary that there should be these visits since it has become the settled and determined policy of the Labour Party to send out members of their Party to all the colonies as often as they can."

A Voice: Quite right.

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OVERHEARD ON PHONE.

MESSAGE THAT LED POLICE TO MAKE AN ARREST.

When Joseph William Curran, aged 39, described as a sculptor, Leinster-square, Bayswater, was charged at Marlborough-street Police Court as a suspected person loitering with another man, not in custody, with felonious intent, at Argyle-street, W., it was stated that a detective overheard him say during a telephone conversation in a shop: "All right; two o'clock Oxford-circuit Tube Station." Detectives went there, saw him meet a man, and arrested him.

Detective Sergeant D. Weir stated that during the time that he had Curran under observation he had been associating with some of the cleverest housebreakers and most dangerous people. House-breaking implements were found at his address. The man who gave them to him was the cleverest housebreaker in London. Curran had not been convicted before, and these people were using him as a tool. He thought Curran was a man of good character.

Mr. Cancellor sentenced Curran to two months in the second division. Mr. C. Grobel, defending, intimated that there would be an appeal.

A TRIPLE PACT.

ITALY'S TRADE OVERTURES TO TURKEY AND GREECE.

Rome, Apr. 6. The meeting at Milan between Signor Mussolini and Tewfik Bey, Turkish Foreign Minister, following on the talk at Rome with M. Micalopoulos, Greek Foreign Minister, foreshadows a tripartite scheme for the development of trade, and the betterment of relations between Italy, Turkey and Greece.

Italy's present need is trade. Any special advance, political or commercial, made towards Turkey alone would have raised alarm in Greece, and vice versa. Accordingly conversations were begun between the two Foreign Ministers and the Italian representative at Geneva to clear any misunderstandings, and the fact that meetings with the Duce at Rome and Milan have followed shows that the way is paved for a peace pact. The fact will be important as opening new business routes in Asia Minor, and also as indicating a tendency of Turkey to move towards the West, away from Russia.

ZIG-ZAG CYCLISTS.

ONE FINED AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

A special watch is being kept by the Kowloon traffic police to discourage the dangerous practice of cyclists monopolising the entire roadway by following a zig-zag course. The offenders are, in most cases, beginners.

Whilst out on special duty last night, Sergeant Bysting followed a young Chinese cyclist for some distance before overtaking and arresting him for being on the wrong side of Nathan Road. When the lad was overtaken he suddenly swerved to return to the correct side but in doing so he fell and nearly went under the rear wheel of a bus.

He was promptly arrested and when brought before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, he was fined \$4.

His Worship pointed out the danger which defendant was causing not only to the general public but also to himself by ignoring the traffic regulations.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Who holds in custody the Great Seal of England?
2. What name do Christians give to the week before Easter? What is Thursday of this week called?
3. What Parliamentary Act regarding birds came into force recently?
4. What is the only natural frontier of Poland?
5. Where are the following? Peshawar; Tahiti; Samarhand?
6. What is a catamaran?
7. What was Mrs. Baillie's favourite game?
8. State the approximate weight of a cricket ball.
9. When was an entire navy captured by a squadron of enemy destroyers?
10. Who was Cronos?
11. Name the first Tudor king and the first Stuart king.
12. What is (a) gone, (b) pop-corn?

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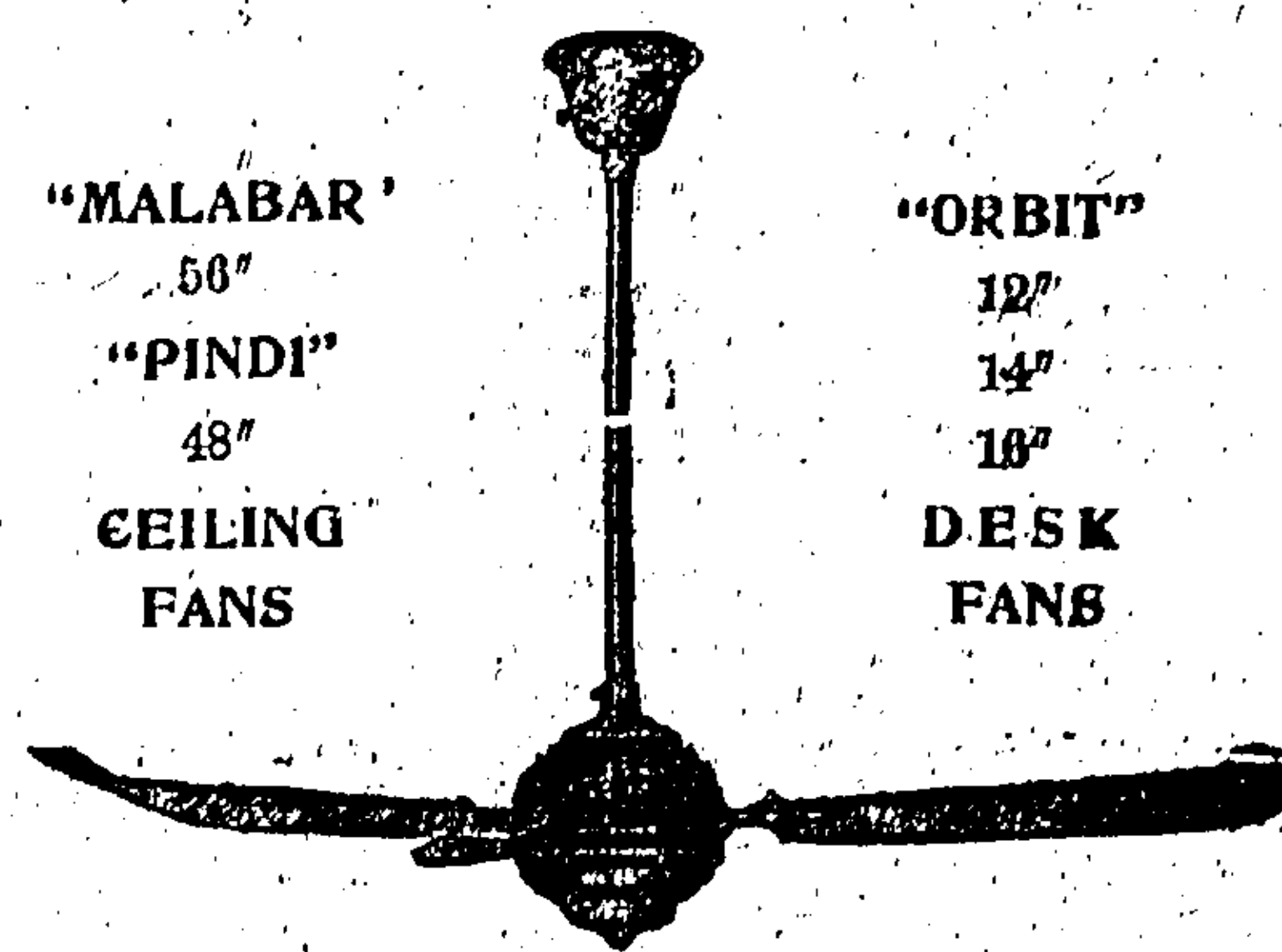
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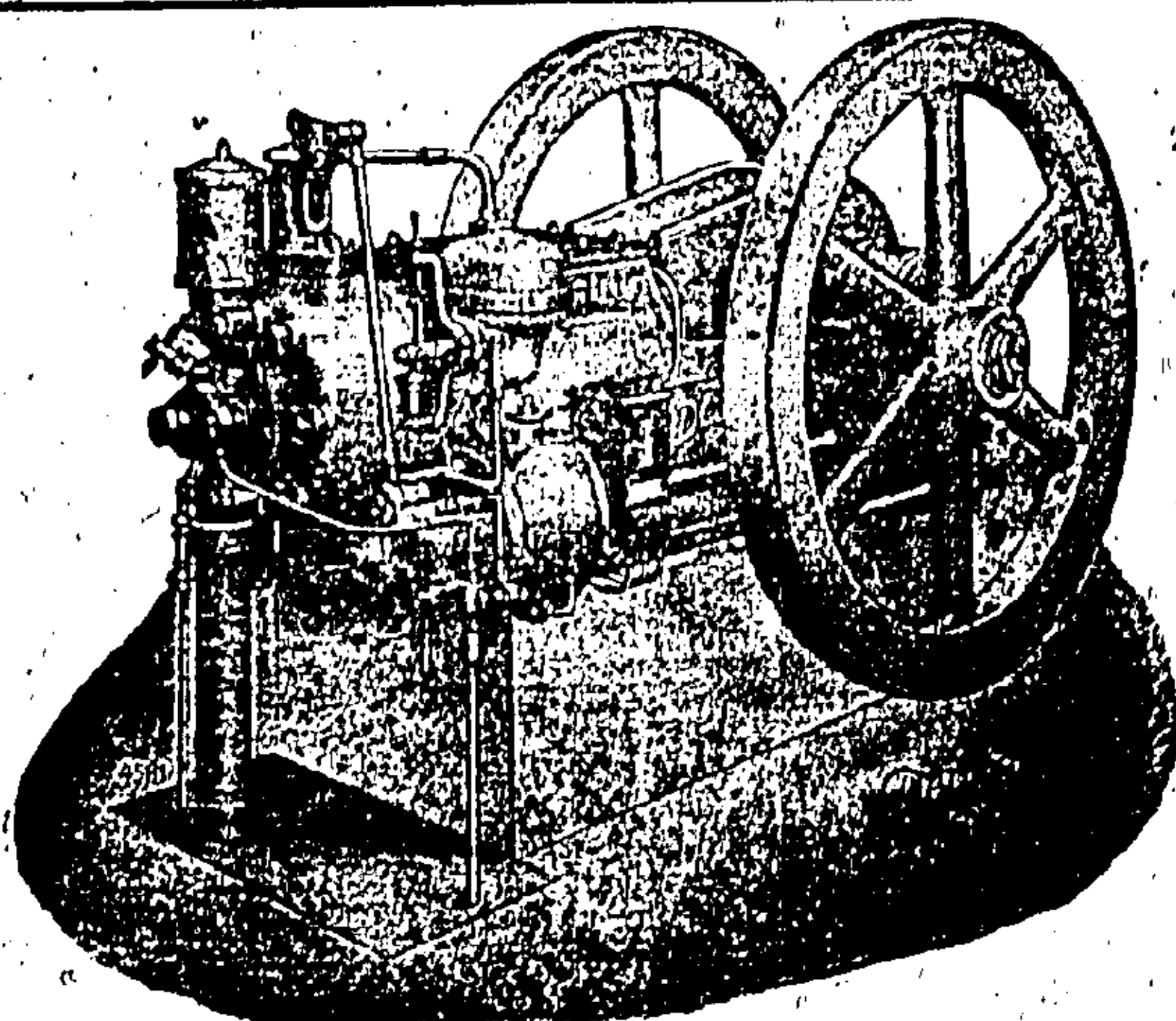
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In an attempt to set up a new record the 'Oriol' Boat Club eight rowed from Hammersmith to Oxford and back, a distance of 204 miles, in four days.

Ten persons were killed and 30 injured in motor accidents in France on Easter Sunday.

Tactical exercises were carried out in Long Valley, Aldershot, by the 47th Division (London) Territorials.

George Alfred Attersole, 70, a painter, fell from a window in Great Ormond-street, W.C., and died from his injuries.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



POINTS IN NEW CRICKET SEASON.

HAPPY AUGURY FOR FINE SUMMER.

[By P. F. Warner in the London Morning Post.]

One of my most vivid recollections of Ruby is the caving of the rocks in the great elms in the Close. The echo of their chattering used to penetrate into the class rooms, and the memory of those far off days came rushing back on me when an enthusiastic gardener told me a week or two ago that "we were in, for a fine summer as the rocks were building their nests on the outside of the trees."

This he declared was a sure and certain sign of warm dry weather. May a prophet in his own country for once win renown! Another such summer as that of 1927 would be little short of disastrous to cricket.

The season that is before us should be of interest if only because in September M. C. C. are sending out a side to Australia—and we shall be selecting our own particular team—a harmless amusement and one indicating our enthusiasm for the game. Our victory at the Oval in 1926 has galvanised and revived our cricket, and M. C. C. should be able to get together a powerful team, especially in batting.

Our bowling strength is doubtful, until we know whether Larwood's knee is quite sound. Should the operation which he underwent at Christmas time prove to have been successful, he and Tate will form a fine pair of bowlers, and better, so far as we can judge at this distance, than any two bowlers Australia can produce at the present time.

If there is one lesson which recent tours in Australia have taught us it is that we must, if possible, avoid a fall to our batting; and looking at the probable list of bowlers and wicket-keepers I think we shall, on this occasion, get rid of this weak spot in the make-up of an international side.

An Imperial Sport.

It is 25 years since M. C. C. first undertook these tours abroad, and since then they have sent teams to the uttermost part of the earth, North, South, East, and West—not only throughout the British Empire, but even further afield. Just as true follows the Flag so does cricket follow the Marylebone Flag.

Wherever M.C.C. teams have appeared a love of cricket has followed. And in these days when cricket has become the interest of half the world whither should we turn for guidance but to the Club which has been in existence for 140 years, which is the Law-Maker and recognised authority of the game, which has grown up with the game, which has fostered it, and which has ever endeavoured to preserve its finest traditions?

M.C.C. is the mother and trustee of cricket, and in its hands the conduct of these tours abroad is in safe keeping. That financial gain does accrue from these expeditions is not denied; but it was not always so, nor is it so now in tours other than those to Australia, and the profit obtained is used for the furtherance of the well-being of cricket.

West Indies' Tour.

Another interesting feature of the season will be the appearance of a West Indies team. They are to play three test matches—and are meeting all the first counties, M.C.C., the two Universities, and England XI, H. D. G. Loverson-Gower's XI, &c. At another time I shall deal fully with the team.

At the end of July M. C. C. are conducting "a minor operation" across the North Sea in sending an amateur side to Holland. It is fifty years since cricket was first played in Holland. Three matches of two days each are to be played, two at The Hague and one at Haarlem. A veteran who has played cricket in many climes will be in charge of the expedition.

Lancashire.

Turning to the counties, Lancashire believe that they will win the Championship for the third year in succession, and it is certain that they are a difficult side to beat. Tyldesley batted magnificently in South Africa, and is a resourceful and attractive player who must be a strong candidate for Australia, especially as his qualifications are not confined to the actual field of play. Like his famous brother, J. T. Tyldesley, he is, in every way, a credit to his profession.

CRICKET INTERPORT.

HONGKONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

The Hongkong Interport Cricket team to go to Shanghai has been chosen, and is as follows:

H. R. B. Hancock (Captain), A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. Sayer, Capt. A. N. Reynolds, Lieut. A. H. Musson, R. A. E. C. Fincher, A. W. Ramsey, Rev. E. K. Quick, Capt. I. Erskine, S. Jox.

Capt. N. Thorp (twelfth man.) Notifications have been sent out asking the players whether they are prepared to go. Most of them have already been sounded and have indicated their willingness to do so. It is understood that the team will sail on the President Grant on May 22nd. The Interport match will take place on Saturday, May 26th, Monday, the 28th and Tuesday, the 29th, whilst a game with the British United Services is being arranged for May 31st and June 1st.

A Shanghai Suggestion.

"Willow," writing to the N. C. Daily News, says:

Now that the match of the year is drawing nigh, that is Shanghai v. Hongkong, the writer would like to make the suggestion that this annual contest be held on a "Test" match, lines but on a smaller scale, Shanghai to play Hongkong the best of three games.

There is everything to be gained by adopting a series of matches of this type and there is no gain-saying that under present arrangements, the other matches that will be played against Hongkong are only of secondary importance, both from spectators' and players' points of view. It isn't a question of time as when Hongkong visit Shanghai or vice versa, the duration of stay of the visiting team easily allows of a definite conclusion. Then again, should one side win the first two matches, it would be unnecessary to play the third.

Undoubtedly, the element of luck plays a big part in cricket and it seems a pity that a team should travel over 700 miles to play one match only to decide so big an issue. The visiting side are at ways at a little disadvantage and may not have yet found their feet.

"Twelfth" man may be given a chance to take part in the big game and it would give the team that lost the first of the series a chance to retrieve. Both skippers will have had an opportunity to discover the strength and weaknesses of the two sides and to adjust their fielding, bowling, etc. accordingly. With this knowledge, the second match would be even more worth watching than the first, and should each side claim one victory, how much more spirit and interest will be vested in the final of the rubber?

In all probability, arrangements for this year's match with Hongkong have already been concluded, but the foregoing suggestion is worth some consideration, and I hope the Powers that be, both here and in Hongkong, will take it up for discussion.

Hallows is to have the Surrey match, at Old Trafford, on June 2, 4, and 5, as a benefit. He has done great work for Lancashire, and as he is only just 33, may be said to be in his prime as a batsman. A beautiful player, he has often been forced by circumstances to play a more restrained game than is natural to him, but he can attack good bowling, and attack it attractively. He, too, has great qualifications for a place in the M. C. C.'s team for Australia.

It is to be hoped that Macdonald will not waste his genius (and incidentally give away runs) by bowling long hops of set purpose on good wickets to batsmen like Hobbs and Sandham. It causes me grief and pain to see so fine a fast bowler with so perfect an action adopting such methods. I don't, half-handed, should study the tactics of the Lancashire bowlers of old, and of Rhodes and Parker of to-day, and bowl round the wicket. Sibley might easily do well as a bowler in a dry summer. He has fine physique and makes the ball run away. Many batsmen hold a high opinion of him, and he may, possibly, go near a place in the team for Australia. He is young, and can keep an end going—and a bowler who can "shut down" the runs is valuable in Australia. I like the look of Taylor as a left-handed batsman. He strikes me as highly promising.

COUNTY CRICKET FEATURES.

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the outstanding feature of the match.

The scores were:

Derbyshire: 159 and 177.
West Indies: 155 and 185 (for 8 wickets).

Derby batting first gained a lead of four runs on the first innings, Slater bowling brilliantly against the West Indies and taking eight wickets at a cost of just three runs apiece.

Requiring 182 to win, the West Indies gave an improved display, the winning hit being a stroke to the boundary.

HANTS' RECOVERY.

Saved From Defeat.

At one time in the match between Hants and Surrey at the Oval, Hampshire were in a very precarious position, but they made a brilliant recovery after being forced to follow on, and the game was drawn, Surrey gaining points for a lead on the first innings.

The scores were:

Surrey: 459.
Hants: 224 and 454 (for 6 wickets).

Surrey batted soundly for their total, consistency being the feature of the game. No individual reached three figures.

Hampshire's second innings recovery was principally due to a sound display by Newman, the well-known all-rounder, who hit 115 before he lost his wicket.

LIGHT-BLUES ERRATIC.

Two Varsity Centuries.

Cambridge University first demonstrated their batting strength and then its weaknesses in the match against Leicestershire at Cambridge. Two centuries in the first innings, enabled them to put up a big enough score to force their visitors to follow on after some fine bowling by Blundell.

Leicester's second innings was marked by an excellent recovery, and Cambridge were set the problem of scoring 183 in a short space of time.

Cambridge collapsed in their second innings and narrowly escaped defeat.

The scores were:

Cambridge U. 381 and 73 (for 6 wickets).

Leicester: 169 and 394.

Morgan (111) and Longfield (120) were the principal scorers in the Cambridge first innings, while Blundell bowled with deadly effect when Leicester went in to bat, taking 6 wickets for 25 runs.

Leicester, following-on, gave a splendid display.—*Reuter.*

NOTES.

Notes have an enormous programme of 34 matches. Like Sussex, they meet every other county, and in addition play the West Indies at Trent Bridge and Cambridge University at Fenner's. The prospects at the moment appear excellent, but much will, of course, depend on whether Larwood has made a complete recovery from the operation to his knee. He has been practising under cover, and is said to be "all right."

Everyone interested in cricket will sincerely hope that this is so, for Larwood is a fine fast bowler, and we shall want him in Australia next winter. A. W. Carr will, no doubt, as hitherto, not overwork him, but if the counties are going to indulge in these strenuous programmes fast bowlers will be rare and Carr will be a valuable asset. Too many counties and too many matches do not, to my mind, make for a higher standard of cricket, and it must not be forgotten that the golden era of fast bowling in England was when there was a much smaller fixture list.

All last season's players are available, and W. Voce, who will not be 19 until August, may turn out to be the left-handed bowler Notts is anxiously awaiting. I was disappointed with him when I saw him bowl at Canterbury last August. His arm struck me as rather low, and he did not spin the ball. I am told, however, that he was far from being at his best on that occasion. A great point in his favour is his splendid fielding; he throws like an Australian.

Robinson is another left-hander who is described as "promising," and amongst the likely young men on the ground staff are G. V. Gunn, a son of George Gunn, Shipston, and Keeton, all of whom batted well for the 2nd XI. The Lancashire match at Trent Bridge has been given to Barratt as a benefit. Barratt is not so fast a bowler as he was a few years back, but he still retains the powers to make the ball bounce on fast wickets. I have seen him make some huge drives—one in particular at the Oval dwells in my memory—and at one time he was something more than a good field at mid-off. He reminds me in build of what I imagine Alfred Mynn to have been, and his good services to Notts deserve appreciation. L. Kirk, who has done great work for the Second XI, will again lead that team.

CROWN COLONY PROBLEMS.

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The Other End.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, after heartily agreeing with this interpolation, said it was essential that members of the permanent staff of the Colonial Office should know what it looked like at the other end of the telescope. He had with him on his present tour a member of the permanent staff of the Colonial Office, and also a member of the Empire Marketing Board. The latter body, which was the creation of the present Government, was the result of the last two Imperial Conferences, and it represented the first contribution of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain towards the cause of Empire trade. It administered a considerable fund of money allocated annually for the promotion of scientific development and research throughout the Empire. That policy probably owed more to Mr. Amery than to any other man, and if there was one thing Mr. Amery cared about more than anything else at present it was the improvement of the control and status and emoluments of the technical services on which the future economic expansion of the Empire depended.

"The Colonial Office at the present time conceives itself to be not so much the political controller of various colonial governments, but as the co-ordinator of the new twentieth century spirit of the further application of science in medicine, agriculture, industry, and education."

Technical Services.

The most important report from that conference was one which dealt with the improvement of the pay, status, and numbers of the agricultural services in the tropical dependencies. That was one of the most important tasks at present before the colonial administrations. Hitherto they had lost from their agricultural services some of their very best men, owing to neglect and lack of support, and these men had gone and built up other people's industries elsewhere. Further, unless something was done it might be difficult in future to recruit the type of man they required. The first hopes of the Colonial Office were based upon the co-operation of all the Colonies in the development of their scientific and technical services.

Dangers of Education.

Their President had said that he regarded education as one of the panaceas. Mr. Ormsby-Gore continued. Education had been the work with which he had been principally associated at the Colonial Office, but so far from regarding it as a panacea, he regarded it as a wisely directed—as being possibly one of the most dangerous things that had been invented. (Hear, hear.) Good education might make better citizens and it might make for greater expansion and extension of life, but bad education could land the British Empire in the most deadly perils and dangers. He spoke in the presence of their Director of Education and it seemed to him that the speaker's problems were his (the speaker's problems). There were the same problems in every Colony that he had visited—and this was his twenty-third.

Bad School Textbooks.

He had visited something like a thousand schools in different parts of the Empire and for the most part the textbooks in use were about as ill-suited to the people who were reading them as they could be. A large number of pupils were taught with the principal object of passing a particular examination, the suitability of which was very doubtful. (Hear, hear.) He had also found that they were spreading the use of the English language, and quite rightly, but they were also spreading an English idiom which was really in the nature of a tragedy in many places. He did not say that in criticism of Colonial Governments, because he realised what a long uphill job it was to improve matters, but he was certain that no one colonial administration could solve its problems by itself; there was much more chance of solving the three problems he had mentioned by interchange of experience and knowledge.

"Hitherto the tendency has been for every colonial administration to work in watertight compartments, without knowledge of what was going on in other colonies right around the tropical world, and the first function of the Colonial Office is to break down that provincialism and to ensure that that effective interchange is brought about. It is not our intention to force ideas worked out in London upon any one of the colonial administrations, but to endeavour to bring about co-operation."

Stimulus Needed.

"As I see it to-day, the British colonial administration on its political, legal, and financial side needs very little control and very little interference on the part of the Colonial Office, but great

PROSPERITY IN CANADA.

AMERICAN FORECAST TRADE SUCCESS.

Ottawa, Apr. 8.
The Dominion Bureau of Statistics monthly review shows that the index of the physical volume of business in Canada reached a new high level of 162.4 in February, compared with 159 in January.

According to a survey of Canadian conditions and business trends, published by the Shorman Corporation, prominent in the United States for their business forecasts, Canada is entering on a long era of independent prosperity, regardless of the course of business in the United States. The survey says the net profit condition of Canadian industry in 1927 was considerably better than that in the United States, 80 per cent. of the reporting Canadian companies declaring increased profits for the year, as compared with only 51 per cent. in the United States.

The installation of new machinery, the development in new merchandising plans and reductions in manufacturing costs per unit of production are given as the three major trends in Canadian industry during the past year. The survey notes that Canada is in an era of mergers. This has been more noticeable in the past three months, with the mergers of steel, power, and paper corporations, cannery, biscuit and brewery companies, and organisations to further co-operative and agricultural marketing societies.

UNPRECEDENTED RACE SCENE.

RIDER CARRIED ON STRETCHER TO WEIGH-IN.

London, April 21.
An unprecedented racing incident occurred during the Ledbury Steeplechases to-day.

A horse named "Ben" cleared the last jump and won its race by a head.

It then crashed into a fence and fell dead with a broken neck.

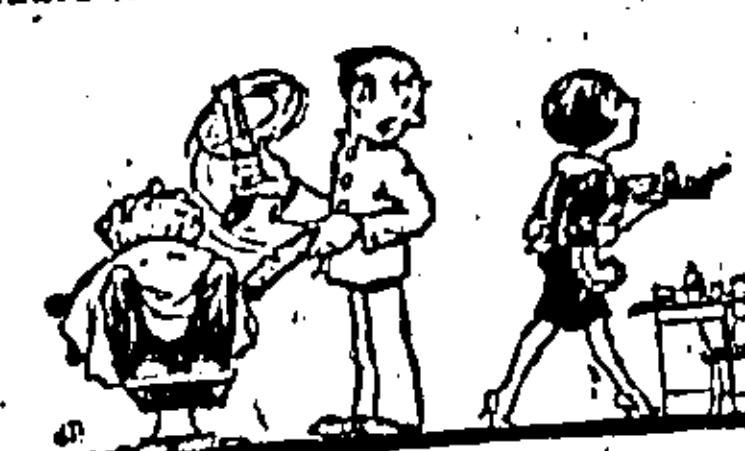
The owner, who was riding was knocked senseless.

Backers were in suspense as regards the result as the owner was unable to weigh-in.

Finally he was carried on a stretcher to the scales, weighed in and declared the winner.

LETTER GOLF.

There's just one dull step in this puzzle and that's the first one, and



It ends up keen to make up for it. From DULL to KEEN is a par five.

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K	E	E	N

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to KEEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

stimulus is needed in some other matters."

In conclusion, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that he had endeavoured to give them a picture of what the Colonial Office outlook was to-day. The Colonial Office was a centre to promote co-operative development and the application of twentieth century science to services throughout the Colonial Empire were given the right backing by official and unofficial communities and developed to the utmost. That was easily the most important and significant part of the duty of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. (Applause.)



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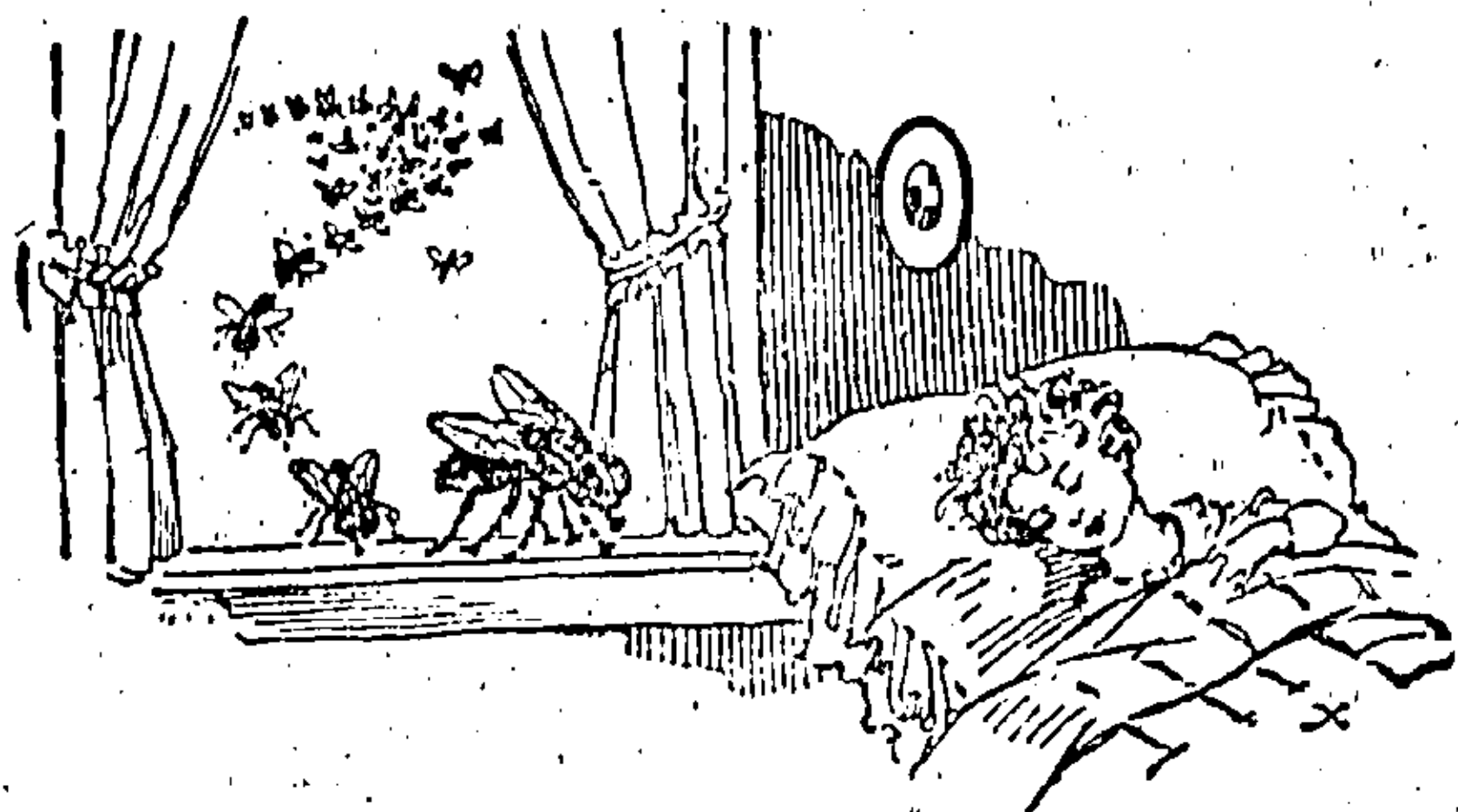
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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

STAMMERING FREQUENTLY CAUSED BY FEAR.

Most investigators to-day believe that stammering is definitely associated with some disturbance of the emotions.

It occurs particularly in persons who have an underlying tendency to excitability. If a child stammers, the investigators tries to find out the particular cause in his environment or in his life history which is responsible.

Sometimes an older brother or playmate is overbearing; sometimes the child is too much crowded in his work at school or at home; sometimes there are conditions which keep him constantly in a state of fear, either physical, mental or emotional. Under such circumstances, the proper procedure naturally involves removal of the child from the circumstances that are responsible.

The child may be encouraged to be tranquil while talking, and to avoid talking in the midst of excitement. Various methods have been evolved for causing the child to talk slowly and smoothly. These include the practice of rhymes, the mother or some other sympathetic person teaching the child by example, reciting the rhymes slowly and distinctly while he repeats them line by line in the same smooth, distinct manner.

Other methods involve the use of rhythmical exercises associated with the practice of speech, and the use of speech-breathing manipulations, as well as other similar artificial techniques which are not to be especially recommended because of their artificiality.

In many instances the treatment of stammering involves consultation with an expert in child psychology, rather than with experts on speech or on diseases of the ear, nose and throat.

Nevertheless, the child may not talk well because it does not hear well, or because there are physical defects of the organs of speech which make talking difficult. It is probably advisable to be certain at once that the physical conditions are satisfactory before any long programme of speech or general education is undertaken.

COST OF NATION'S AIRSHIPS.

BIG SAVING ON PRIVATELY BUILT VESSEL.

Criticisms of the expenditure of all three Services are made in the first and second reports of the Select Committee on Estimates, published from the Stationery Office.

In particular, attention is drawn to the disparity between the cost of R 101, the airship being built by the Government, and R. 100, which is constructed under contract for a sum of £350,000. "Your Committee," states the report, "find that the ship being built by the Ministry will cost at least £150,000 more than the one being built under contract."

The contract airship is being built of duralumin; the other of stainless steel. But the steel is more expensive to work, which to some extent counterbalances the smaller prime cost. The Committee end the section dealing with airships by remarking that they realise that the proposal to build one airship by contract and one at Cardington was approved by Parliament, but they "consider it their duty to draw attention to the comparative cost to the two ships."

Both at the War Office and the Air Ministry, it is suggested, there is room for further reduction in the staffs of some sections. At the Admiralty, "while a comparison between the numbers of staff and the corresponding numbers of personnel and ships in commission in 1914 and 1917 respectively is misleading, nevertheless, substantial reductions can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Navy." And again, "And again, your Committee are of the opinion that the organisation of the Naval Staff, as now constituted, is unduly large and elaborate."

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

EIGHTEEN CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

The return of the Medical Officer of Health for last week gives eighteen cases of infectious disease, of which eight were small-pox, five diphtheria, two plague, two enteric fever and one paratyphoid fever. All were Chinese with the exception of three British and two American cases of diphtheria. There were seven deaths from

CLAIM FOR \$40,000 DAMAGES.

THE DEFENDANT GIVES EVIDENCE.

The defence of Tsang Fook in the \$40,000 claim in the Supreme Court opened yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when the defendant himself stated that he had not made a cent and had lost \$200. He further stated that he accepted the cheques in good faith.

Lost \$200.

The defendant gave evidence corroborating Mr. Jenkin's remarks and said that he had not made a cent out of the transactions with Lu Po-lun but on the figures alone he had really lost approximately \$200.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter defendant said that before he opened the business he worked for the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company for two years. He had also been abroad, to Europe and America, for between four and five years where he learnt the art of tuning instruments and he had also been a ship's carpenter. The Tsang Fook business was the first with which he had been connected.

Answering further questions defendant said that Lu Po-lun had sold large quantities of goods for him (defendant) since 1916, on a commission basis of five per cent. Defendant believed Lu to be a man of wealth and affluence.

Defendant Reprimanded.

Mr. Potter asked whether it was not unusual for a wealthy Chinese gentleman to be connected with the firm on a commission basis.

Defendant was proceeding to make a statement with regard to the question when his Lordship intervened and, after reprimanding him and reminding him that he was only required to answer questions, again asked the question, which the defendant replied to in the affirmative.

Mr. Potter:—Will you give me the names of any wealthy Chinese who have earned commission for you. If you don't like to disclose their names in public write them down.

Defendant replied that he could tell of one recent case and proceeded to write the name down.

When the slip of paper was handed to his Lordship he observed that the name was that of a lady and, as defendant did not give another name on being asked, his Lordship held that the question had not been answered.

Replying to further questions by Mr. Potter defendant said that he was a "little surprised" when Lu Po-lun brought the order cheque as before he had always paid his bills in cash.

Mr. Potter:—Can you suggest any reason why Lu Po-lun should suddenly have a cheque for that amount made out in the name of your bank so that you might be able to cash it?—I do not know.

He went on to say that he asked Lu why the cheque was not in his own name and he replied it was quite all right and that if he (Tsang Fook) could not cash it he could return it to him (Lu Po-lun).

On the question being repeated defendant said he understood that Lu was buying articles for the firm and said that \$1,200 would be enough for the moment. He believed that Lu was buying furniture for the firm and the firm had even bought a piano.

Defendant's Belief.

Mr. Potter:—Do you suggest that the firm issued that cheque to Lu Po-lun so that he might be able to pay his own debts?—He told me he used his own money and he got the manager to issue a cheque once a month. Defendant added he was led to believe that Lu Po-lun had already spent \$4,000 odd for the firm who had repaid him by means of the cheque.

Mr. Potter:—If it is true that this cheque was really a reimbursement to Lu Po-lun, and was therefore his own money that he had expended for the firm, can you give me any reason at all as to why the cheque should not have been made out payable to Lu Po-lun himself?—I did not think about that.

His Lordship:—Well, I suppose you can give no reason?—I don't know.

Mr. Potter:—Did it not strike you as odd at the time?—It seemed a little bit strange.

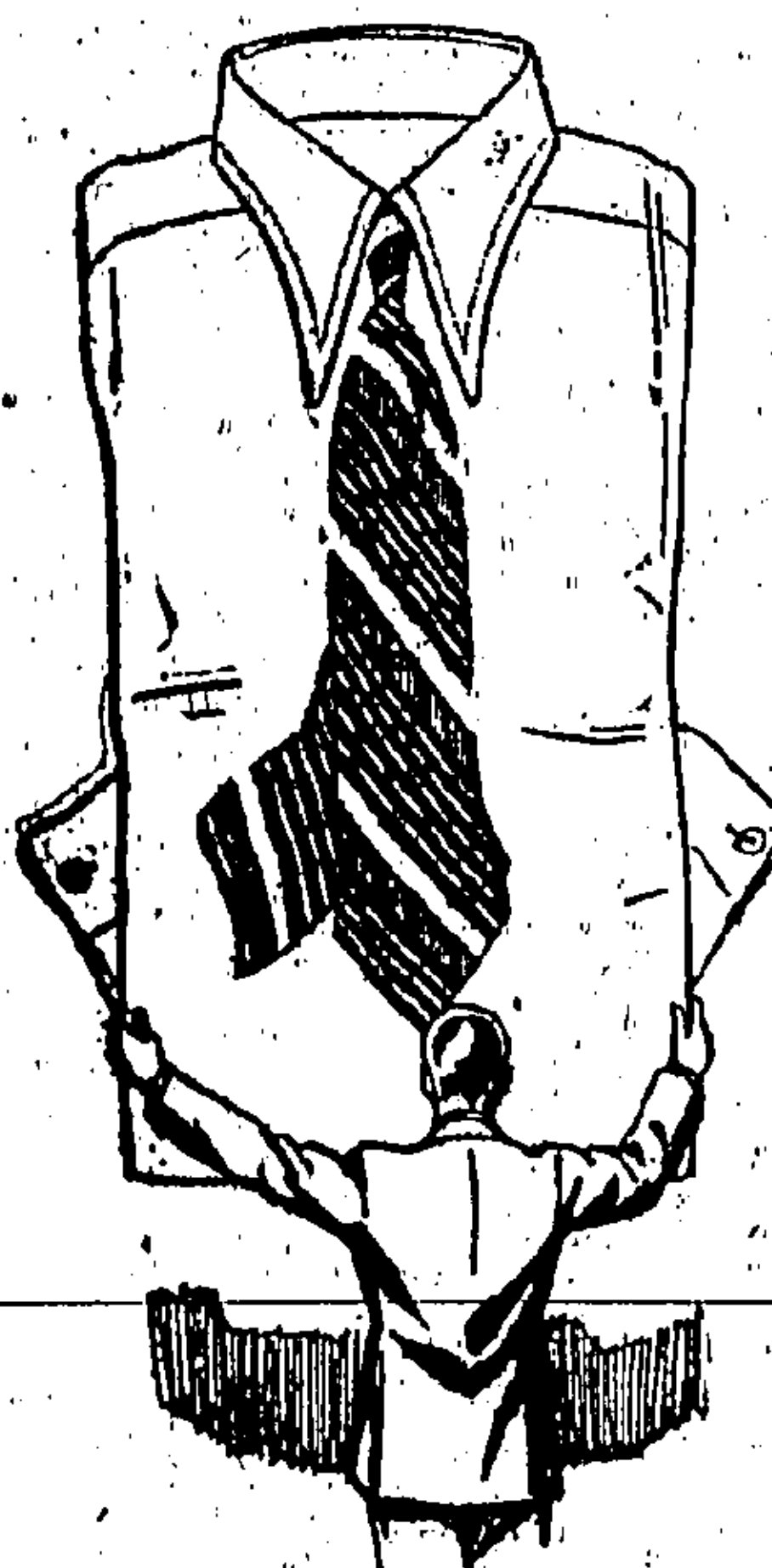
The case was adjourned.

small-pox and two from influenza. The latter is not notifiable disease. Yesterday's return contained seven cases, six of small-pox (three imported) and one of diphtheria. The latter was British, the others being Chinese.

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CHAPTER XXXI.

Before she reached him Sally almost fainted with horror, for in the pale light of the dawn she saw that David's shirt about his left shoulder was soaked with blood. But his uninjured right arm was stretched out in urgent invitation, and his voice was hailing her gaily, in spite of his terrible weakness and fatigue.

"Dear little Sally!" he cried huskily, as his right arm swept her against his breast. "Why aren't you in bed, darling? But I'm glad you're not! I've been able to keep plodding on in the hope of seeing you. Did you think I'd run away and left you? Poor little Sally!" he crooned over her, for she was crying, her frantic hands playing over his face, her eyes devouring him through her tears.

"But you're hurt, David!" she moaned. "I knew you were hurt! I told them so! I was looking for you. I knew you hadn't run away."

"And she made us believe you hadn't, too," Pop Bybee panted, having reached them on a run, dragging his wife behind him. "What happened, Dave boy? Had a mix-up with the dirty crooks, did you?"

"Winfield Bybee, you are a fool!" Mrs. Bybee gasped, breathless from running. "Let the poor boy get his breath first. Here! Put your arm about him and let him lean on you. Sally, you run back to the train and get help. This boy's all done up and he's going to have that shoulder dressed before he's pestered to death with questions."

"I can walk," David panted, his breath whistling across his ashen lips. "I don't want Sally out of my sight. I would—give up—then. Nothing much—the matter. Just a bullet—in my shoulder. Be all right—in a day or two."

"Please don't try to talk darling," Sally begged, rubbing her cheek softly against his right hand and wetting it with her tears. "Lean on me and take it easy," Pop Bybee urged his voice husky with unshamed emotion. "And don't talk any more till we get you into a berth, God! But I'm glad to see you, Dave boy! I'd made up my mind I'd never trust another man if you'd thrown me down. But Sally didn't doubt you a minute. Kept me from telling the police that you'd been with the show and had disappeared with the crooks."

"Thanks," David gasped, leaning heavily on the showman. "I was scared sick—the police—had found—Sally. Knew there was—bound to be—an awful row."

He faintly remembered the young body crumpling suddenly to the cinders of the railroad track. Somehow the three of them managed to get him to the show train and into the Bybee's stateroom, where Gus, the crier, who had graduated from medical school before the germ of wanderlust had infected him, dressed the wounded shoulder.

"The bullet went clear through the fleshy part of the arm at the shoulder," Gus told them, as he washed his hands in the stateroom's basin. "No bones touched at all. Just a flesh wound. Of course he's lost a lot of blood and he'll be pretty shaky for a few days, but no real harm done. You can turn off the faucet, Sally. Save them tears for a big tragedy—like ground glass in your cold cream, or something like that. Want a real doctor to give that shoulder the once-over, Pop?" he asked, turning to Bybee, who had not left David's side.

"It was David, opening his eyes dazedly just then, who answered. "No other doctor, please. I'm a fugitive from justice, remember. If I could have some coffee now I think I could tell you what happened, Mr. Bybee."

A dozen eager voices outside the stateroom door offered to get the coffee from the privilege car, and within a few minutes Sally was kneeling before David, holding a cup of steaming black coffee to his lips.

As many of the carnival family as could crowd into the small space of the car aisle pressed against the

open door of the stateroom to hear his story. Jan, the Holland giant, who was too tall to stand upright in the car, was invited into the stateroom, where he sat between Pop Bybee and Mrs. Bybee, "Pitty Sing" in the crook of one of his arms, Noko, the Hawaiian midget, in the other. Sally still knelt beside David, holding his right hand tightly in both of hers and laying her lips upon it when his story moved her unbearably.

"I suppose Mrs. Bybee has told you that I was leaving the show train to go to the carnival grounds to see if anything had happened to Sally. I'd have gone sooner, but the storm was so violent that I knew I'd not have a chance to get there. Mrs. Bybee said she was going to the lot and would look after Sally for me, but she wanted me to stay on the train, or near it, to patrol it. She didn't tell me there was a lot of money in her stateroom, or I'd have stationed myself in there."

"You see," Sally interrupted eagerly. "I told you I hadn't said a word to him about the safe."

"Safe?" David glanced down at her, puzzled. "So this Steve crook cracked a safe to get the money, did he? I didn't know—didn't have time to find out."

"And I told you it was a man named 'Steve'," Sally reminded them joyously, raising David's cold hand to her lips. "They thought I was making it all up, Dave, but they believed me after a while."

"I suppose Sally has told you that we saw Nita and some man walking in the moonlight that last night we were in Stanton," David addressed Pop Bybee. "We heard her call him Steve, and say something about what she'd do to him if he double-crossed her. I should have told you then, Mr. Bybee, but I didn't have an idea Nita was planning to rob the outfit, and anyway—"

"—he blushed, his eyes twinkling fondly at Sally—"by morning I'd forgotten all about it. I couldn't think of anything but—"

but Sally. You see, we'd just told each other that night that—that—well, sir, that we loved each other and—"

"Anybody else in the whole outfit could have told you that," Bybee chuckled. "It's all right, Dave. Carnival folks usually mind their own business and spend damn little time telling tales."

"I'm glad you're not blaming me," David said gratefully. "Well, sir, I was walking up and down the tracks, just wild to get away and see if anything had happened to Sally, when suddenly I heard a soft thud, like somebody jumping to the ground on the other side of the train. I crossed over as quick as I could, but by that time they were running down the side of the train pretty far ahead of me. It was Nita and a man. They must have been hidden on the train, waiting their chance, when the storm broke—were there when Mrs. Bybee left."

"I suppose they hadn't counted on any such luck; had probably intended to overpower her before you got back, sir, and the storm saved them the trouble."

"I'd have given them a run for the money," Mrs. Bybee retorted grimly, her skinny old hand knocking into a menacing fist.

"That's just what I did," David grinned rather whitely at her. "I yelled at them to stop, because I had an idea they'd been up to something, since they'd jumped off this car, and I knew Nita had no business on the train, since all you people were sleeping on the lot."

"They were carrying a couple of suitcases that looked suspiciously heavy to me. It flashed over me that Mrs. Bybee, being treasurer of the outfit, must have left a lot of money in her stateroom, and that Nita and this Steve chap had been planning to rob her when Sally and I heard them talking the other night. I started after them, still yelling for them to stop, and Steve turned and fired at me. He missed me, lucky for me, and I kept right on."

"About a hundred yards beyond the end of the train they climbed

into a car that was parked on the track that runs alongside the tracks and after telling me goodbye to another bullet that missed me, too, Steve had the car started. I was about to give up and start toward Capital City to notify the police when I noticed there was a hand-car on the tracks, just where this spur joins the main line.

"I threw the switch and in a minute I had the handcar on the main line and was pumping along after them. The state road parallels the railroad track for five or six miles, you know, and I could make nearly as good time in my handcar as they could in their sliver, for it's a down grade nearly all the way." He paused, his eyes closing wearily as if every muscle in his body ached with the memory of that terrible ride in the dead of night.

"Better rest awhile, Dave," Pop Bybee suggested gently, bending over the boy to wipe the cold drops of sweat from his forehead.

"No, I'll get it over with," David protested weakly. "There's not much more to tell. They couldn't see me—had no idea I was trailing them in the handcar. But I could keep them in sight because of their headlights. I guess they'd have got away, though, if a freight train hadn't come along just then and blocked the road. They were just reaching the grade crossing where the state road cuts the railroad tracks when this freight came charging down on us—"

"But you, David!" Sally shuddered, bowing her head on his hand, the fingers of which curled upward weakly to cup her face. "You were on the track. Did the train hit you? Oh!"

"Of course not!" David grinned at her. "I'm here, and I wouldn't have been if the engine had hit the handcar when I was on it. But I'm afraid the railroad company is minus one handcar this morning. The cowcatcher of the freight engine scooped it up and tossed it aside as if it had been a baby's go-cart, but I'd already jumped and was tumbling down the bank into a nice bed of wildflowers."

"Pretty wet after the storm, so I didn't go to sleep. I'd jumped to the other side of the tracks and was hidden from Steve's car while the freight train rolled on. They didn't stop to hold a post-mortem over the handcar. Probably thought a tramp had been stealing a free ride on it and had got his, and good enough for him."

"When the train had passed I was waiting by the road for Steve's car. I guess he was pretty badly surprised when I hopped upon the running board and grabbed the steering wheel and swerved the car into a ditch, nearly turning it over. I don't remember much of what happened then, what with Nita screaming and Steve swearing and popping his gun at me. But somehow I managed to get his revolver—didn't know I'd been shot at first—and dragged him out of the car."

"It must have been a pretty good fight, for Nita decided to beat it before it was finished. She started off with one of the suitcases but it was too heavy and she dropped it in the road and lit out. If Nita could dance as well as she can run, David interrupted himself to grin at Bybee, "she'd be a real loss to the outfit."

"Well, Dave, even if Steve did get away with the money, my hat's off to you, boy," and he reached for the hand which Sally was still clutching jealously.

"Who's telling this?" David demanded, with just a touch of boyish bravado, which made Sally love him better than ever. "He didn't get away. I'm afraid he won't be good for much for a long time. Nita should have stayed to look after him."

"The money, Dave!" Mrs. Bybee screamed. "You didn't save the money, did you, Dave? Where are you, Winfield Bybee? I'm giving you fair warning! If he saved that money, I'm going to faint dead away!"

(To Be Continued.)

A MICHAEL ARLEN STORY.

CLEVER FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Ace of Cads," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a typical Michael Arlen story, which has been adapted to the screen with remarkable success. It concerns two young Guards officers who fall in love with the same girl, one of which betrays the other and so wins her for himself. The betrayer, however, is killed in the War, and then ensue developments which are better left to be discovered by those who have not yet seen the film. Suffice it to say that a very clever story has been contrived and that the attention is firmly held to the very last flicker.

The settings for this film are, for the greater part, in England, and they are all that could be wished. The acting, too, is most powerful throughout. Indeed, in this respect "The Ace of Cads" is one of the best films we have seen here for some time. Adolphe Menjou plays the title role with brilliant success, whilst Alice Joyce adds to her already high reputation by her handling of the part of the disillusioned woman. Norman Trevor, Philip Strange and Suzanne Fleming all contribute to the success of the film in other roles.

Those who like an entertaining story, with many clever twists and turns to it, should make a point of seeing "The Ace of Cads."

FORGED CHEQUE.

ATTEMPT TO DEFAUD HO HONG BANK.

Two youthful Chinese of the labouring class were committed to the Assizes at Singapore last week by the Third Police Magistrate (Mr. C. H. Dakers) on a charge of using as genuine a forged Ho Hong Bank cheque for \$8,950.

In reply to Court-Inspector Farquharson (prosecuting) witnesses stated that on April 12 a Chinese presented at the Singapore office the cheque in question, a Muar cheque, signed by a Chinese. He was informed that it would have to be sent to Muar for collection. He was asked to return on April 16, and left with a receipt.

From the Muar branch the bank received information that the cheque was forged, and when on April 16 the two prisoners presented the receipt for collection the police were communicated with and they were given into custody.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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big film appears as a discouraged young phet who is carried off to the wilds of Africa, through a ludicrous series of mishaps, and is there compelled to pose as a famous big hunter searching for the ferocious "Missing Link."

The picture contains, besides the "Link" itself, a wonderfully clever chimpanzee whose antics are the means of providing not a few of the laughs. Syd Chaplin is supported by an excellent cast which includes Ruth Hunt, Tom McGuire and Crawford Kent. "The Missing Link" was directed by Charles F. Reisner, who made most of Syd Chaplin's other famous comedy successes.

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ALLEGED FRAUD.

WOMAN VICTIMISED BY "WHITE PIGEON" RUSE.

The story of the sale and subsequent disappearance of a young Chinese girl under suspicious circumstances was related to Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon when three women were charged with obtaining \$235 by what is commonly known as the "white pigeon" trick.

In answer to the charges the first and third defendants pleaded that they were merely the go-between in the transaction. The second accused admitted receiving the money but denied that the girl, after the sale, was enticed away.

Sergeant Mottram prosecuted and described the facts of the case to his Worship, mentioned that on April 5 the first and third defendants went to the complainant's house at No. 345, Nathan Road, and offered a girl, 18 years old, for sale. The complainant's wife saw the two women and intimated that she had no desire to purchase the girl.

The two women informed her that the child's father was ill in the country and the mother required money to pay his medical expenses. The women broke into tears when relating their story and the complainant's wife then agreed to accept the girl. She obtained the necessary money (\$235) from her husband, but before paying the women she suggested that a document of sale should be drawn up.

A document, showing the legality of the sale, was accordingly presented to the complainant's wife, and after they had added their signatures they took the paper to the girl's mother, who also signed the document. The girl was accordingly "delivered" and the next day the two women returned to the house and took away her old clothes.

One of the women was overheard by the complainant's amah to remark to the girl that if she (the woman) were to return to the house the girl was to open the door on hearing her name called out.

Later a female mendicant went to the house and after telling the complainant's wife a distressing tale she was given twenty cents. She then went away. The following day the second defendant, who claimed to be the girl's mother, went to the complainant's house and asked where her daughter was. Some five hours previous to that, said Sergeant Mottram, the girl had disappeared. The amah recognised the mother as the mendicant woman who had visited the house earlier.

The complainant, who was a returned Californian merchant, was related to a policeman in the local Force and the matter was reported to him. On enquiries made this man located the three women and investigations were then instituted by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Evidence bearing out Sergeant Mottram's opening was then given, after which the case was adjourned.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT

MURDER OF PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA?

New York, May 8.
 An unconfirmed report has been received that Senor Gomez, President of Venezuela, has been assassinated—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHANGHAI BOMBED.

NORTHERN SEAPLANES MAKE DARING RAID.

Shanghai, May 4.

Executing remarkable tactics the like of which have never been seen in this part of China before, two Northern seaplanes, operating from a cruiser in the Yangtze river off Woosung, carried out a daring air raid on Shanghai yesterday, dropping ten or a dozen bombs at various points at Lung-hwa and the Chinese city. Little damage was done and there were only a few casualties, but this raid, bringing the war 500 miles from Shantung, created tremendous excitement. The two seaplanes operated from the big Northern cruiser Hai Chi, which cleared the way for their raid by engaging Nationalist warships in battle outside Woosung yesterday morning.

The two seaplanes appeared over Shanghai at 12.30 p.m., and as they circled high overhead their progress around the city was punctuated by explosion after explosion as the bombs dropped. Shanghai was taken by surprise because it was inconceivable that any such raid would be made when the nearest Northern base is Tsingtao, nearly 500 miles from Shanghai.

Two of the bombs dropped in the yard of the Nantao Tramways company at Lung-hwa, indicating that Lung-hwa arsenal was the objective. Two others were dropped near Shanghai South station, and the others at different points in the city. One or two buildings were damaged, and two women were hurt, but beyond that the raid achieved nothing of a military value except great consternation among the people.

Little Damage Done.

Both the seaplanes flew over the Foreign Settlement on their way to bomb the Chinese military stations. No bombs were dropped in the Settlement. Spectators say the first seaplane circled around ahead of the second and did not drop bombs. The second seaplane is reported to have done the bombing, using very small hand bombs which could not do much damage.

Many foreigners saw the machines fly overhead and believed they were Nationalist planes, but the flashes and explosions soon conveyed their real identity, especially to people in the French Concession, who saw the planes at work. Both came from the direction of Woosung, apparently having followed the Whangpoo river on their way up to Shanghai. The river course was also followed when the planes turned back to the rattle of machine gun fire from the arsenal and other military stations.

Accurate reports on the beginning of the raid are lacking because of the surprising nature of the raid. Whether there was one plane or two planes was a matter of doubt last night, because Nationalist aeroplanes went up after the raiders and pursued them to the sea, but in a very dilatory manner.

Naval Action Off Woosung.

As far as can be gathered, the raid was operated from the Northern cruiser Hai Chi, the largest and most modern cruiser in the Chinese navy. She is nearly 5,000 tons and has been attached to the Northern squadron at Tsingtao for some time.

STRIKE SETTLED.

CHINA MERCHANTS SHIPS SAIL.

The China Merchants' strike is finished and the following vessels sailed yesterday—Kiangshin, Kiangshun, Haen, Hainchang and Hsinwang. The settlement agreement was signed late on Wednesday night, after a long conference between the company and representatives of the Seamen's Labour Union. The crews of the various steamers were informed of the terms of the settlement. A representative of the China Merchants would not divulge the terms of the settlement, but it is understood that the cause of the trouble was due to the fact that several comrades had been discharged and that the communistic element in the Labour Union used such dismissal as a lever to force their members—Chinese engineering ratings and deck staff—to come out on strike. The foreign staff was not affected.

Chinese Reports.

It is almost difficult to get at the reason for such strikes, but we understand that the demands of the strikers were as follows: 1. All back wages to be paid up. 2. Privilege of carrying "pidgin" as formerly. 3. Dismissal of Yang Yin, manager of the marine department. The native press state that the demands made were: 1. Clear up all unpaid wages to the crews. 2. Reduce the security fund required of the comrades in charge of the cargo on the steamers of the company. 3. Mr. Chen Yuch-peng should be instructed to stop using the title of chairman. We publish these demands with reserve as the company would not inform our representative of the nature of the demands or of the terms of the settlement. We have, however, reason to believe that the first three are correct.

There have been erroneous reports published and circulated in regard to the strike but there is little doubt that the comrades' disagreement with the company's requirements and the consequent discharge of the former, precipitated the strike and that Union officials with communistic tendencies seized the opportunity to force their members to cease work. The representative of the China Merchants above referred to did, however, say that the comrades would not be reinstated and that, at the time of the commencement of the strike, no wages remained unpaid to the native crews. —N. C. D. News.

thern cruiser Hai Chi, the largest and most modern cruiser in the Chinese navy. She is nearly 5,000 tons and has been attached to the Northern squadron at Tsingtao for some time.

Some days ago, most of the Nationalist vessels were despatched northwards to cruise along the coast looking for the Hai Chi, but apparently the commander of the Hai Chi, outwitting the Nationalists, slipped into the Yangtze river yesterday morning unobserved. Accompanied by two other war vessels, the Hai Chi came upriver and engaged some smaller Nationalist craft in action at 8 a.m.

The Northern raiders, then disappeared down river, but shortly after noon the two seaplanes came zooming over Woosung Forts bound for Shanghai. Apparently, the Hai Chi carried the planes, dropped them into the water and waited for them to return. Reports last night indicated that the planes had returned safely to the mother ship.



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"REASONABLE TIME"
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London, May 8.
A Scotland Yard official this morning visited the Surrey house where ex-Prince Carol of Rumania is staying and acquainted him of the decision that he must leave England after a "reasonable time" during which to arrange his departure.—*Reuter*.

No Longer Welcome.

London, May 8.
Ex-Prince Carol's Surrey host, M. Jonescu, interviewed by *Reuter* said that the "impossible" had happened—the prince had got to leave England. The sad news was conveyed to him verbally by Inspector Haynes but no reason was given. He added that Carol was lunching at the Savoy to-day, after which he had intended to see the greyhound racing but was too upset to enjoy the latter. The Prince was surprised and unhappy and feels his position very keenly. It is authoritatively stated that there is no question of deporting Carol, but as the activities of himself and his friends are likely to embarrass Rumania, which is a friendly country, he would be politely informed that his presence in England was no longer welcome.—*Reuter*.

Peasants Pacified.

Berlin, May 8.
The German press is obliged to rely mainly on Vienna and Budapest for news regarding the situation in Rumania where the newspapers are severely censored. Some foreign journalists in Bucharest are reported to have been arrested for attempting to evade the censorship.

It is disclosed officially that 30,000 peasants who were marching on Bucharest from the congress at Albajulia were persuaded, on reaching Fejuch, to return to their homes. There were some clashes with the gendarmerie at various stations where the peasants tried to entrain without tickets. Numerous arrests were made, otherwise all is quiet.—*Reuter*.

Change of Government Wanted.

Vienna, May 8.
According to private advices from Bucharest the resolution adopted by the peasants' conference at Albajulia was more drastic than is officially admitted. The resolution empowered the people to use all possible means to remove the ruling government and declared that while the Rumanian people were monarchically inclined they were capable of choosing a form of government more suitable to the interests of the country. The congress has constituted itself into a National Assembly and will await the decision of the Council of Regency.—*Reuter*.

COAL MINE SABOTAGE.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS
TO BE CHARGED.

Moscow, May 8.
As a result of the preliminary enquiry into the charge against persons accused of revolutionary conspiracy to wreck the coal mines in the Shakhty district in the Donetz coal basin, 50 Russians and three Germans, will be charged with "economic counter-revolution".—*Reuter*.

JUNK ROBBED.

CREW'S GALLANT FIGHT
AGAINST ARMED MAN.

To the already long list of piracy and robberies on board trading and fishing junks is to be added yet another outrage committed during the beginning of the week in British Waters off Ling Ku Tien in the vicinity of Deep Bay.

The master of a trading boat reported to the Police yesterday that he left Tai Ping Market at noon on Saturday last with a cargo of 160 piculs of ash. The junk was manned by a crew of four males including himself, and was destined for Hongkong.

Late on the evening of Sunday last, the crew retired for the night, the junk then being anchored about 600 yards from the shore off Ling Ku Tien, in British Waters. The master and the crew were suddenly awakened by some one shouting to them to get up. On arising to investigate the disturbance, the master found himself confronted by six men, five of whom were armed with revolvers.

Those in possession of the weapons held the crew up while the sixth man tied their wrists together and drove them onto an oyster boat which they found lying alongside. They were forced into the hold and the cover put on. The oyster boat was then sailed away and after about two hours' cruising anchor was dropped.

One of the robbers was overheard

to remark that the captives would all be drowned by having stones attached to their bodies and then thrown overboard.

Victims Free Themselves.

After a great effort the four victims managed to free themselves of their bonds and a few minutes later the cover of the hatch was lifted. On seeing one of the robbers the four captives sprang at him and overpowered him. There appeared to have only been two men on board, the others apparently having remained on the captured boat. The second man was at the stern and on seeing the captives he fired his revolver twice but on both occasions the weapon missed.

The master then attacked his armed assailant and tried to disarm him but failed. During the struggle the robber bit the master's thumb but this had little effect on the man's strength as he was able to throw the robber overboard. The man who was seized at the hatchway was similarly treated by the foks. This man was seen to sink but nothing was seen of the armed robber.

The oyster boat was then found to be about one mile off Han Ho Village, Deep Bay. The boat was sailed to Chek Wan where the men arrived at midnight. On encountering the Chinese customs launch Du On, a report of the occurrence was made to the officer in charge. A search lasting four hours was then made for the stolen junk but without success.

The master and his crew were then taken to Tai Shan where they embarked on a junk and returned to Hongkong, arriving here yesterday afternoon.

It was stated that the junk, the cargo and other personal effects were worth \$420.

REDS IN EGYPT.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED.

Cairo, May 8.
The documents seized in connexion with the arrest of the communists, none of whom are Egyptians, show that those arrested were in direct relations with Moscow from whence they received funds for the work of propaganda to induce Egyptian youths to go to Moscow to study Bolshevik principles.—*Reuter*.

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PRINCE KILLED.

AMERICAN SAILORS
INVOLVED.

Nice, May 8.
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KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, Obo B'bay, & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JAYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	B'bay, M'les, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	30th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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DEVANHA	8,155	17th May.	S'hai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MIRZAPORE	6,715	21st May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SANTHA	7,754	23rd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	8,948	7th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	17th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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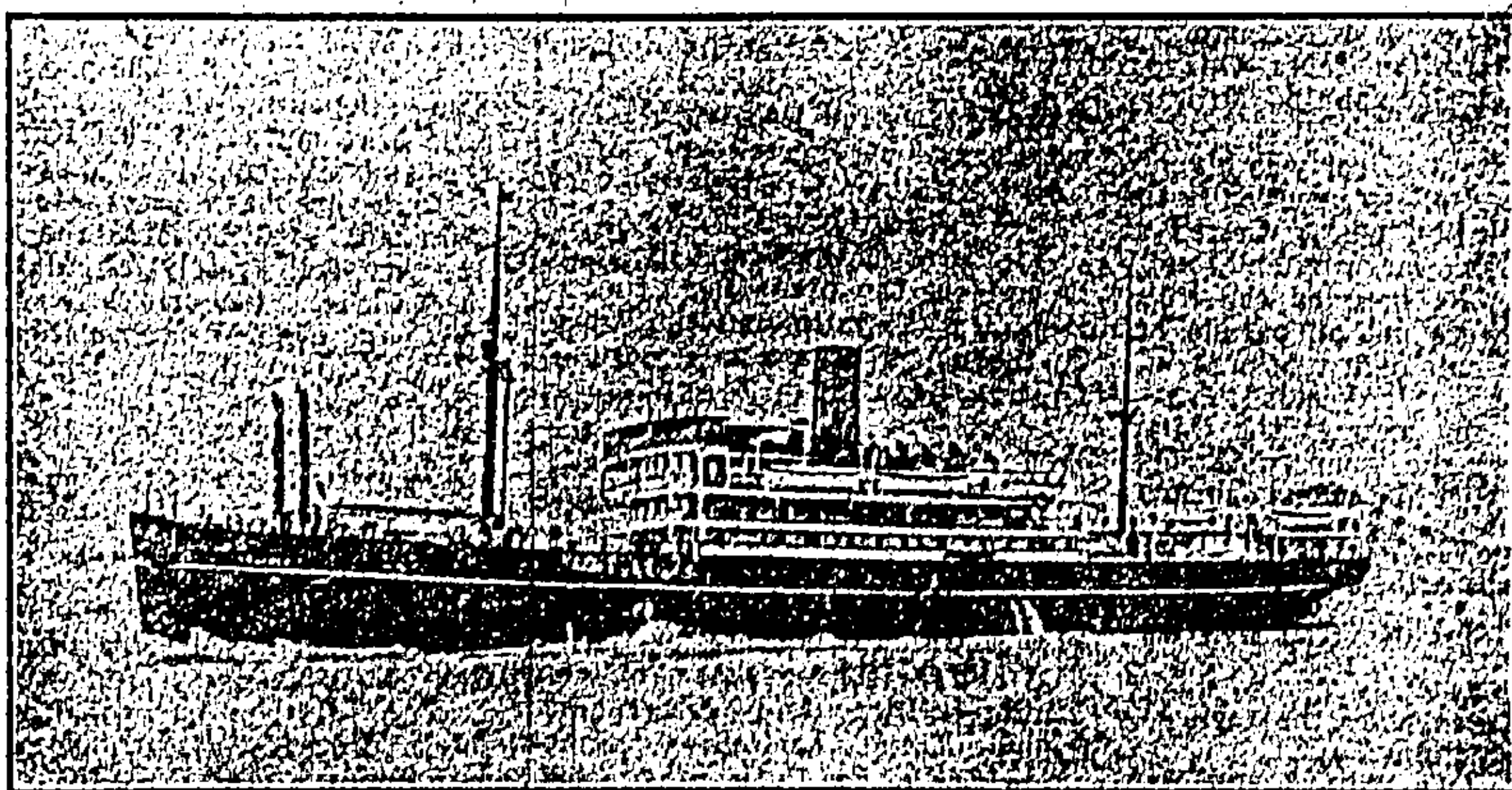
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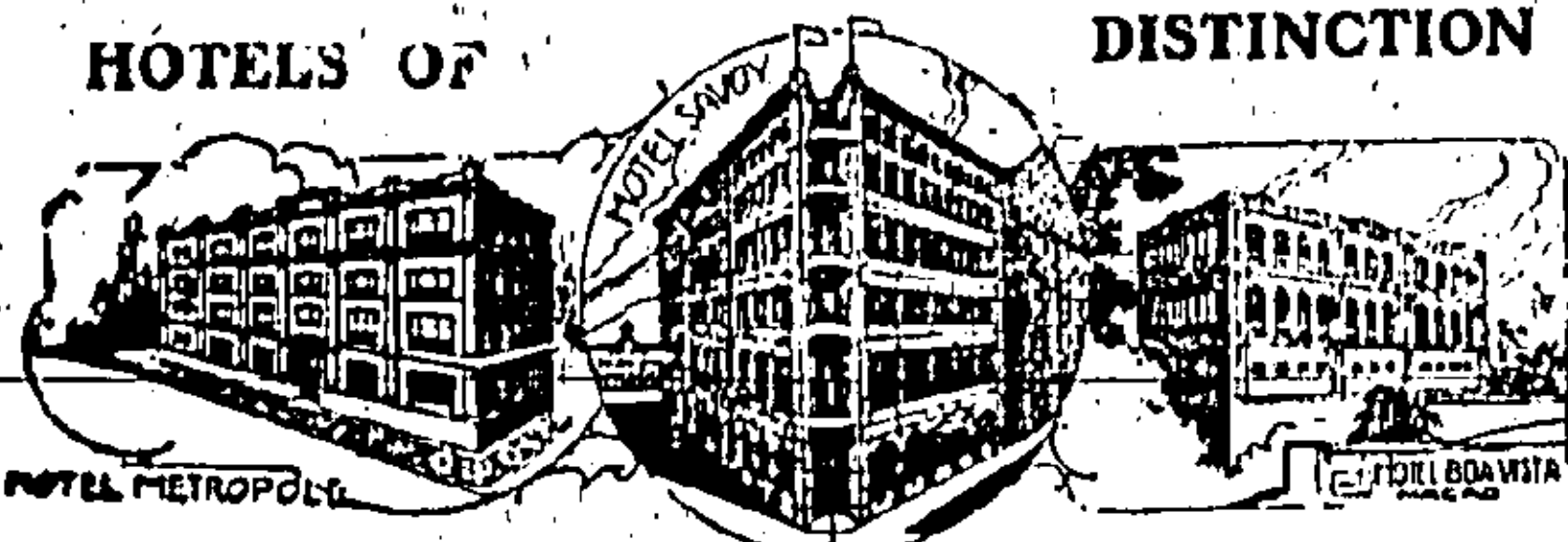
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OF PROGRESS.

SHIPBUILDING LEAD.

London, May 8.
It is being suggested it would
not necessarily be advantageous
for manufacturers to establish in this
country systems for mass produc-
tion of common qualities of steel
products. It is declared that the
position of industry is improving,
manufacturers being convinced
that this country has got back to
the normal rate of steady increase
that obtained before 1914.

It is noted that the motor indus-
try is improving and that this coun-
try is likely to lead the world in
the production of motor cycles, the
only serious competitor being the
United States. Britain also leads
in pedal cycles, Germany coming
next.

Great progress has been made
since the war in electrical manu-
facturing. The output of lamps has
been better since the war than be-
fore, and the exports of telegraph
and telephone instruments and ap-
paratus have increased. The ex-
port of electric lamps has more than
trebled in the same period.

We have also regained our supre-
macy in shipbuilding. The ton-
nage launched in 1927 rose to nearly
54 per cent. of the world's out-
put.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS.

JAPANESE PREPARE
FOR ACTION.CONVINCED OCCUPATION
IS NECESSARY.

Tokyo, May 9:

The Navy Department has de-
cided to despatch the cruisers
"Apukuma" and "Jindzu" to
Shanghai.—Reuter.

Osaka, May 9.

The newspapers are alive with
reports of animation at Military
Division Headquarters, relating to
the despatch of telegraph, railway
and flying contingents, the requisi-
tion of ships for transportation of
troops and supplies; and the move-
ments of cruisers and destroyers
which are to be shortly sent to
the Yangtze.

Despite the publication of grue-
some stories of the massacre of
Japanese civilians at Tsinan, the
Chinese residents in Kobe and
Osaka remain absolutely safe and
unmolested.

Business men in Osaka who have
previously opposed anything which
might be called Japanese imperi-
alism by the Chinese now recog-
nise that military occupation is
necessary until all violence stops,
the safety of Japanese residents
is assured and Treaty rights are
fully respected.

They are perfectly prepared to
suffer loss of business with China
in the meantime.—Reuter.

SCOTS GUARDS O. C.
DEPARTS.

GIVEN ROUSING SEND-OFF.

Departing by the Empress of
Russia to-day was Lieut. Col. Sir
Victor A. F. Mackenzie, Bart.,
D.S.O., M.V.O., officer commanding
the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards,
stationed at Shamshuipo Military
Camp.

This popular officer was given a
rousing send-off by practically the
whole Battalion who gathered at
the wharf this morning and loudly
cheered as he boarded the liner.
The men were not on parade but
every available man was present.

Last night Sir Victor gave a
dinner to the men at the Camp,
after which the troops enthusias-
tically carried him round the camp
with the pipers leading the way.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:

1. The Lord Chancellor. 2. Holy Week.
Maundy Thursday. 3. The Protection of
Lapwings Act, which prohibits the sale of
the birds and of their eggs between March 1
and August 31 in each year. 4. The Car-
pathian Mountains, separating it on the
south from the Slovakia. 5. The N.W. fron-
tier of India, largest of the Society Islands
in the South Sea; Russian Central Asia. 6.
A raft of logs floated together. 7. Wheat. 8.
84-5% ounces. 9. On January 20, 1705, a
squadron of French cavalry under General
Gene Michery surrounded and captured the
entire Dutch fleet, which was frozen in the
Texel. 10. Wife of Paris, whom he deserted
for Helen. 11. Henry VIII. James I. 12.
(a) Bread made of maize-meal; (b) parched
maize.

CAPTAIN DEWAR ARRIVES HOME.



Captain Dewar, of Royal Oak court-martial fame, stepping
ashore from the P. and O. liner Ranpura at Woolwich, with
his wife.

JAPANESE CONTROL
TSINAN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. C. T. Wang, the former
Peking Premier and Minister of
Foreign Affairs, arrived in Tsinan-
fu on Monday, according to reports.
Wait and See.

Mr. Hwang Fu having left Tsi-
nanfu on Monday Marshal Chiang
Kai-shek is reported to have re-
quested Mr. Wang to undertake
negotiations with the Japanese.

Mr. Hwang Fu is now in Nan-
king and at a conference held soon
after his arrival it was decided, it
is stated, to continue with the
Northern Expedition and to nego-
tiate with the Japanese through the
proper channels. The general feel-
ing was that the Southerners
should wait until the Northern Ex-
pedition is completed and then to
take drastic action to deal with the
Japanese.

Unification Plot.

Shanghai, May 8.
Cable advices from Peking re-
port that strong rumours prevail
that a plot is on foot, instigated
by a very influential subordinate
of Chang Tso-lin to bring about
the downfall of Chang Tso-lin.
The alleged object is that the
North and South may be united at
an early date, to deal with the
Japanese.

International Train.

Tsingtao, May 8, 7.25 p.m.
Reports from Tsinan state that
an international train is running
to Tsingtao this afternoon at the
request of the Consular Body after
the Japanese had notified them
that Japanese troops may be forced
to start military operations at
any moment.

Tsinanfu, May 8, 10.45 p.m.
About seventy foreigners left
this morning on the international
train for Tsingtao.—Reuter.

Drastic Action Taken.

Tsingtao, May 8, 7.25 p.m.
A report from Tsinan states that
the Japanese troops having
decided that drastic action was
necessary, attacked and routed
the Southerners this morning,
blowing up their powder magazine.
Japanese reinforcements which
left Tsingtao for Tsinan yester-
day are reported to have clashed
with the Southerners at Chang-
tien.

Tokyo, May 8, 7.25 p.m.
Enquiries at the War Office fail
to confirm the preceding reports,
though it is intimated that may
be there has been some sporadic
fighting.—Reuter.

Many Points Seized.

Tokyo, May 8, 8.10 p.m.
A despatch from Tsinan appears
to confirm the report from Tsing-
tao of the re-attack by Japanese
troops, which it is stated was car-
ried out for the purpose of main-
taining railway and telegraphic
communications as well as for the
protection of the lives and property
of Japanese residents. For this
purpose the railway station,
the military barracks and the tele-
graph and telephone offices and
other strategic points have been
occupied.—Reuter.

The Demands.

Tokyo, May 8, 11.00 p.m.
It is reported from Tsingtao that
fighting in Tsinan opened this

morning after the Southerners had
rejected the Japanese demands,
which are reported to be the punish-
ment of the commanders of the
troops responsible for the murders
of Japanese, the disarmament of
the Southern troops who commit-
ted the outrages, the cessation of
anti-Japanese demonstration as
well as military preparations.

Battle Raging.

Peking, May 8, 10.45 p.m.
A Japanese official communique
from Tsinan says that the
Japanese General in command de-
manded that the Southerners
should withdraw outside a zone
twenty li each side of the Shan-
tung Railway. The Chinese re-
fused and took offensive measures.
Thereupon the Japanese decided
to take active measures to enforce
the demand.

They published a proclamation
in the Chinese language to that
effect.

At eight this morning part of
the 13th Japanese regiment was
reconnoitring the northern sub-
urbs of Tsinan along the railway
when the Southerners suddenly
fired on them. Heavy fighting en-
sued. The Japanese fire exploded
the Chinese munition dump and
also set fire to the Chinese Bar-
racks, forcing the Chinese to
evacuate them.

The Southerners are attacking
the railway zone in great numbers.
A battle was raging at eleven
o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

Japan Calm at Present.

Tokyo, May 8.
Despite expressions of deep
indignation at the Southern bar-
barities, the Press and public
generally are notably calm.
There is no sign of resentment
against individual Chinese re-
sidents in Japan.

The main fear appears to be the
Chinese attempt to rouse foreign
sympathy by anti-Japanese al-
legations and propaganda. Though
demanding that justice be meted
out and that the Chinese respon-
sible for the outrages be fittingly
punished, the newspapers urge
the Southern leaders to do their
utmost to prevent further clashes,
which will only aggravate the
seriousness of the situation.—
Reuter.

Unfounded Allegation.

Tokyo, May 8 (4.35 p.m.)
The allegation that Japanese
troops have murdered Tsai Kung-
chien and sixteen other officials
at Tsinan has been proved to be
unfounded. It is believed the re-
port was deliberately circulated
by the Chinese authorities for the
purpose of evading responsibility
for the Tsinan affair. On the
contrary, evidence is reported to
show that the Japanese troops
have protected Chinese officials.—
Reuter.

Nagoya Division to Go.

Tokyo, May 8, 7.30 p.m.
The Cabinet has decided to de-
spatch the Nagoya division to
Tsingtao. Its war basis will prob-
ably be from 15,000 to 18,000 men.
The Emperor's sanction will be re-
quested to-morrow.—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 8, 11 p.m.
Three Japanese planes have ar-
rived in Tsingtao from Korea, one
of which immediately hopped off
for Tsinanfu.—Reuter.

Peking, May 8, 8.10 p.m.
The London and Methodist Mis-
sions are recalling their mission-
aries from north Shantung and
south Chihli to Tientsin.—Reuter.

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